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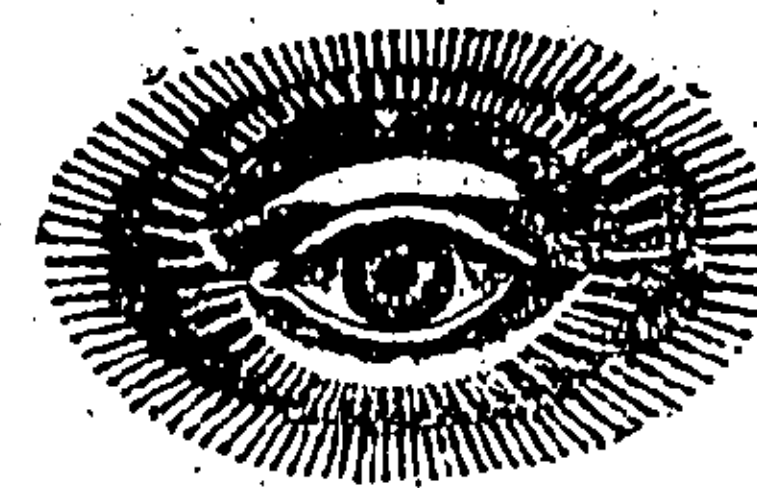
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## HANKOW'S OVERTURES.

Turned Down By Nanking Government.

### BORODIN WOOING FENG.

Acting Finance Minister Under Arrest.

The object of the recent visit of M. Borodin and Percy Chen to Kuling was to meet representatives of the Nanking Government with the object of patching up a peace between the two parties.

Hankow's overtures were turned down and Borodin at once returned to Hankow. He has now sent delegates to meet the "Christian General" with the object of winning him over to the Wuhan Government.

Dr. C. C. Chang, the Acting Minister of Finance, has been arrested, ostensibly for alleged embezzlement, but more probably for political reasons.

The correspondent of the London "Times" in Hankow has been missing since Saturday night.

## HANKOW STRENGTHENING DEFENCES.

Hankow, Monday.

It is now established that the visit of M. Borodin and Percy Chen to Kuling was to meet representatives of the Nationalist Government regarding a possible agreement between the two parties being arrived at. M. Borodin's departure from Kuling was due to the turning down of his proposals by Chiang Kai-shek.

M. Borodin is now getting into touch with Feng Yu-hsiang and has sent delegates to try to win him over to the Wuhan Government.

Dr. C. C. Chang, Acting Minister of Finance in the Hankow Government, has been arrested by General Li Ping-hsien, ostensibly for alleged embezzlement, but more probably for political reasons.

Mystery surrounds the disappearance from Hankow of Mr. Riely, the correspondent of the London "Times." He has not been seen since Saturday night.

The British American Tobacco Company have opened for trading in Hankow.

There was a further large movement of troops down river to Kiukiang yesterday.—British Naval Wireless.

Outcome of Defeats.

Chinkiang, Monday.

Either as a result of defeats by the Fengtien troops on the Northern front or for the purpose of reinforcing forces against Hankow, Southern Nationalist troops continue to arrive here from the North. There are eight empty transports awaiting them.

Large numbers of troops are also collecting at Nanking, where there are eight further transports at anchor.—British Naval Wireless.

Hankow Troops For Hukow.

Kiukiang, Monday.

The Hankow party have evidently decided to advance troops further than Kiukiang in their defence against the Nanking troops. Forces have been despatched below Kiukiang to Hukow.—British Naval Wireless.

## COMMUNISTS JAILED.

CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE IN FRANCE.

EXEMPLARY SENTENCES.

Paris, Monday.

Six Communists, who were charged with espionage, have been sentenced to imprisonment for terms varying from five years to sixteen months and fines varying from 5,000 to 1,000 francs.

One of the accused was acquitted. A Municipal Councillor, M. Cremet, and his Secretary, who evaded arrest, were sentenced to confinement to five years' solitary confinement, a fine of 100,000 francs, and five years' deprivation of civil rights.

Five others were deprived of their civil rights for five years.—Reuter. [A Paris cable of April 10 stated:—The Police raided the general headquarters of the Communist Party. They arrested six people, but released a woman. The arrests are the result of a long enquiry against espionage by a section of Police headquarters.]

## NAVAL PARLEY.

Another Long Cabinet Meeting.

### DIVISION OF CRUISERS.

Delegates Prepared For Any Contingency.

London, Monday.

With the object of finally equipping Mr. W. T. Bridgeman and Lord Cecil, preparatory to their return to Geneva, a long Cabinet meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sir Austen Chamberlain.

At the close of the meeting Reuter learned that the delegates are prepared for any possible contingency.

The Cabinet unanimously approved of a suggestion for dividing cruisers into two classes—powerful 10,000 ton ships and smaller patrol cruisers.

The effect of this would be that equality could be maintained in the larger ships, whilst each country would be free to build as many smaller cruisers as it desired.

A further meeting of the Cabinet will probably be held to-morrow.

The delegates leave for Geneva on Wednesday, and on their arrival the tripartite Naval Conference, which has meantime been suspended in their absence, will be resumed.—Reuter.

## MINER'S DISTRESS.

FUTURE OF COAL INDUSTRY.

ECHO OF 1926 SETBACK.

Southport, Monday.

The reorganisation of the Miner's Federation, the creation of one Miners' Union, the future of coal industry and the wage position in relation to hours are among the topics for discussion at the annual conference of the Miner's Federation which opened here to-day.

Mr. Herbert Smith, presiding, emphasised the distress among the miners owing to low wages, the scarcity of employment, and debts contracted during the stoppage. He appealed to fellow mining Trade Unionists to rally round the federation, whose membership was largely reduced, to retrieve last year's set-back, and to make greater use of the political machinery. He regretted that he was unable to see a brighter outlook under the present conditions of the industry.—Reuter.

## FLIGHT TO U.S.A.

CAPT. COURTNEY'S TRIALS SUCCESSFUL.

ALL DEPENDS ON WEATHER.

Rugby, Monday.

Captain Courtney, who hopes to fly to America and back, made trial flights to-day and used wireless apparatus.

He found that the vibration in the receiving set had been successfully overcome, and said that there was now no cause for delay except the weather.—British Wireless Service.

## DUTCH FEAT.

LANDMARK IN AIR NAVIGATION.

Amsterdam, Monday.

The arrival of the monoplane carrying Mr. Van Lear Black as a first class passenger between Holland and the Dutch East Indies under forty days, is regarded as a remarkable Dutch achievement, establishing a new landmark in commercial air navigation.

One hundred thousand people greeted the machine at the aerodrome of the Royal Dutch Navigation Company, and the Nederland Indische Vliegtucht Comité gave a banquet in honour of the event, at which Major-General Sir W. S. Brancker, of the British Air Ministry, was present.—Reuter.

## DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

FIRST U.S. MINISTER FOR DUBLIN.

London, Monday.

Mr. F. A. Sterling has left for Dublin to assume duties as the first American Minister to the Irish Free State.—Reuter.

## DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

New Series of Lectures in "China Mail."

### COMMENCING TO-MORROW.

Foreigners' Ignorance Of History.

The "China Mail" announces that it has secured the translations of a further series of six lectures by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen on "Democracy." The first will appear in these columns to-morrow.

The "Father of the Republic" develops his thesis of the three principles of Democracy and Nationalism which were explained in the articles commenced on April 11 last.



DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

The first lecture deals with "the power of the people" and discusses the form of government best suited to China. Dr. Sun Yat-sen points out, in this connection, that democratic ideas were to be found in China two thousand years ago, and attributes the action of foreigners in classing Chinese "with Negroes and Polynesians as people incapable of self-government" to their ignorance of Chinese history.

## NANKING OUTRAGES.

British White Paper To Be Published.

London, Monday.

In reply to questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he hoped shortly to publish a White Paper containing reports on the Nanking outrages, but he would be unable to publish all the information in his possession unless he was able to obtain the consent of other Governments.—Reuter.

## GERMAN POLITICS.

MARX RESIGNS FROM THE REICHSBANNER.

REPUBLICAN SURPRISE.

Berlin, Monday.

A crisis in the Republican organisation Reichsbanner has reached a climax owing to Chancellor Wilhelm Marx resigning his membership as a protest against the recent behaviour of the leaders, especially in connection



with the Vienna riots, which he described as "unjustified interference with the political affairs of Austria and an insult to the Austrian Government."

The news has caused a surprise in Republican circles as the Reichsbanner in 1925 launched a campaign nominating Herr Marx as candidate for the Presidency in opposition to Marshal von Hindenburg.—Reuter.

## LOCAL SHIPOWNERS.

Our Donation To Home Government.

### A RESIDENT'S CRITICISM.

"Legalised Robbery Methods."

A Hong Kong resident who has just returned to the Colony forwards us the following:—

"Punch" of March 23 last in the article "Essence of Parliament" has a cartoon showing the First Lord of the Admiralty seated as Britannia complete with Shield and Trident and entitled "Britannia rules the Waves," and the following is my digest of the "Essence":—

The First Lord is described as a plain blunt man who knows what he wants and gets it out of the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the point of a marlin spike, and as indicative of the cheeseparing which the Admiralty had thrown itself into with characteristic zest, they had foregone the construction of five motor launches because they wanted the money to spend on Minesweepers. He showed ringcraft and ducked very gracefully to a question why, with a smaller navy to look after, the Admiralty Whitehall staff should have 32 more charwomen on the strength; he worked the House up with his breeziness to negative an Amendment to the effect that "Pure and Applied Science" not charwomen, was what the Admiralty should be spending its money on.

The First Lord passed easily from the role of cheeseparer to that of genial mendicant. Referring to the conclusions of the Imperial Conference he expressed the hope that those who had not already contributed to the upkeep of Imperial sea power would assist with a trifle. In referring to the Singapore Base, he dilated on the handsome donations already made by Hong Kong and the Straits Settlements, and added that any further contributions would be thankfully received.

### CAPSTAN BAR METHODS.

Our correspondent comments: "Mr. Bridgeman may be an expert with a Marlin spike, but if he knew of the Capstanbar methods of the Government of Hong Kong in hoisting that handsome donation out of a few small shipowners of this Colony who are now practically down and out as a result of the boycott and other troubles in South China, followed by the legalised robbery methods of the Hong Kong Legislative Council in passing the Indemnity Ordinance No. 18 of 1922, I am rather inclined to think that the sympathetic side of the First Lord might be shaken to such an extent that this ill-gotten donation from Hong Kong may never be referred to again in the Mother of Parliaments."

## FORGED PASS BOOK.

CHINESE OBTAINS £2,000 FROM BANK.

The manager of the National Commercial Savings Bank, 344, Des Voeux Road, reports to the police that some time between 12.30 and 1 p.m. on July 25 a person obtained £2,000 in \$500 notes by means of a forged pass-book.

### UNITED ASBESTOS.

The report to be presented at the 31st. ordinary annual meeting of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency Ltd., to be held at Messrs. Dodwell's offices, Queen's Buildings, on August 9 next, states that the balance at the debit of profit and loss account, after deducting \$4,159.90 brought forward from last year, is \$11,750.42 which is carried forward to new account.

### TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 1/11 15/16

## DESERT OUTRAGE.

Abyssinian Attack On Caravan.

### BRITISH SOMALIS KILLED.

Headman Deliberately Shot Dead.

Details of an unprovoked outrage on a caravan in Abyssinian territory have been graphically described in the House of Commons by Sir Austen Chamberlain.

The caravan was conveying supplies to a party of the Maharaja of Kutch, who, accompanied by Sir Geoffrey Archer, was travelling in Abyssinia after having been the guests of the Regent.

The caravan was attacked at four o'clock in the morning by Abyssinian soldiers, thirteen British Somalis being killed. The headman of the caravan was deliberately shot, his body being mutilated, whilst the caravan was looted.

## GUESTS OF THE REGENT.

Rugby, Monday.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, related in the House of Commons how an unprovoked attack was made in June on a caravan of supplies to a party of the Maharaja of Kutch who, accompanied by Sir Geoffrey Archer, Governor-General of the Sudan, was travelling in Abyssinia after having been the guest of the Regent in the capital.

The caravan was travelling southward from Hargeisa, in British Somaliland, and had reached a point in the Ogaden district about 60 miles inside Abyssinian territory.

The camp had been pitched in the territory of Jigjiga. At four o'clock in the morning it was attacked by Abyssinian soldiery, 13 British Somalis being killed. The headman of the caravan was deliberately shot and his body was mutilated. The caravan itself was completely looted.

A request that arrangements might be made for the safe passage

of the Maharaja and Sir Geoffrey Archer through Abyssinian territory was addressed in ample time to the Regent. Even if warning of the approach of the caravan had not been issued in time to local authorities this would in no way justify the outrage.

His Majesty's representatives in Addis Ababa was endeavouring to obtain compensation from the Abyssinian Government.—British Wireless Service.

## THE TYPHOON.

TWO STEAMERS SUNK IN WEST RIVER.

PASSENGERS ESCAPE.

The effects of the typhoon were felt in the West River where traffic was held up.

Two small steamers (names unknown, believed to be ferry-boats) and a passenger junk were sunk off First Cliffs where the funnels of the steamers are discernible to navigators.

It is believed that all the passengers reached the shore.

Observatory Report.

The Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, reports that the typhoon is still shown as a somewhat deep depression 100 miles north-east of Haiphong.

Weather Forecast.

"South-east winds, moderate; overcast, rain" is the official weather forecast for Hong Kong until noon to-morrow.

## IRISH OUTRAGE.

TRIAL FOR CONSPIRACY FAILS.

TEN MEN RELEASED.

Dublin, Monday.

Ten men charged with conspiracy in connection with the murder of Vice-President Kevin O'Higgins have been discharged, no evidence being offered against them.

There was no demonstration inside the Court but a small crowd outside cheered the Magistrate's decision.—Reuter.

## ON THE RHINE.

COMING VISIT FROM WAR SECRETARY.

AUSPICIOUS DATE.

Rugby, Monday.

Sir Lamington Werthington Evans, Secretary of War, will visit the Army of the Rhine at Wiesbaden from August 4 to August 7. He will be accompanied by General-Sir Walter Braitwaite, Adjutant-General to the Forces.—British Wireless Service.

## KING FUAD.

VISITS LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

Rugby, Monday.

King Fuad of Egypt visited the Stock Exchange to-day.

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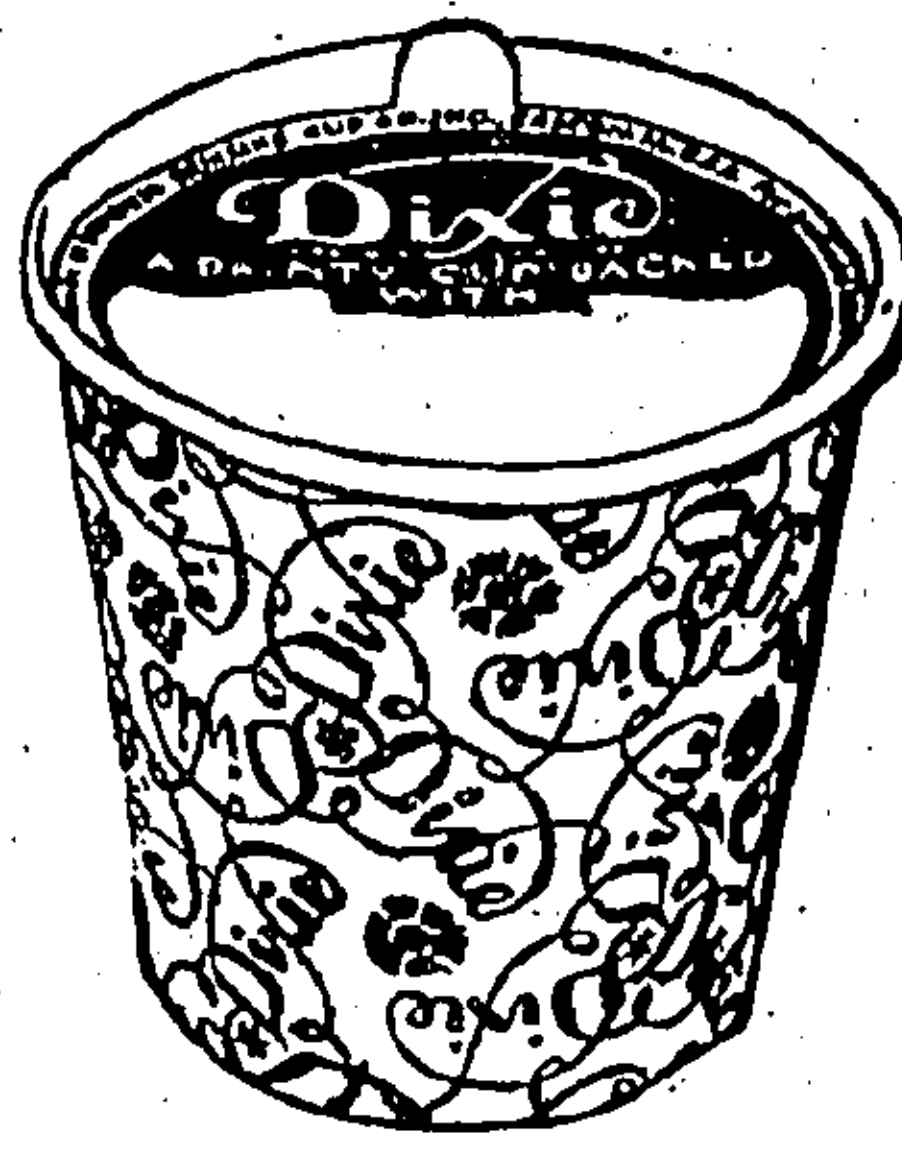
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	28	5.52	7.06
	29	5.53	7.06
	30	5.53	7.05
	31	5.54	7.05

**FOUND HANGING.****RUSSIAN DIES IN MENTAL WARD.**

Shanghai, July 22.

An inquest was conducted yesterday at the Public Mortuary, by Judge Chao and Mr. A. Stevenson, the Senior Consul's deputy on the body of Sergius Garnett, an employee in the Health Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who hanged himself by a cord attached to the iron bars outside the window of the room occupied by the deceased at the mental ward of the Victoria Nursing Home.

Evidence was given by Det-Inpector Schmidt who said that deceased who was 36 years of age was found hanging by Mr. B. Stone an attendant at the Nursing Home. The body was immediately cut down and Dr. Barry was called but life was pronounced to be extinct. Deceased had been a patient in the mental ward since July 7.

Dr. Barry said that the deceased suffered from mental trouble. He had an idea that he was being persecuted by everyone and that they were trying to do him harm. Deceased had escaped from another hospital and had been placed in the Nursing Home mental ward. A verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" was returned. Deceased is survived by his wife who is at present in Shanghai.

**ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ.**

Grand Admiral von Tirpitz has for some time been on a visit to his son-in-law, who is German envoy at Copenhagen, and his daughter, Frau von Hassel, and has been living at the Legation. The German colony in Copenhagen generally believe that a fire which took place during the night in the Legation was an incendiary attempt on von Tirpitz, and the offender is said to be a German Communist. The attempt, however, failed, and only some furniture and old pictures were burnt.

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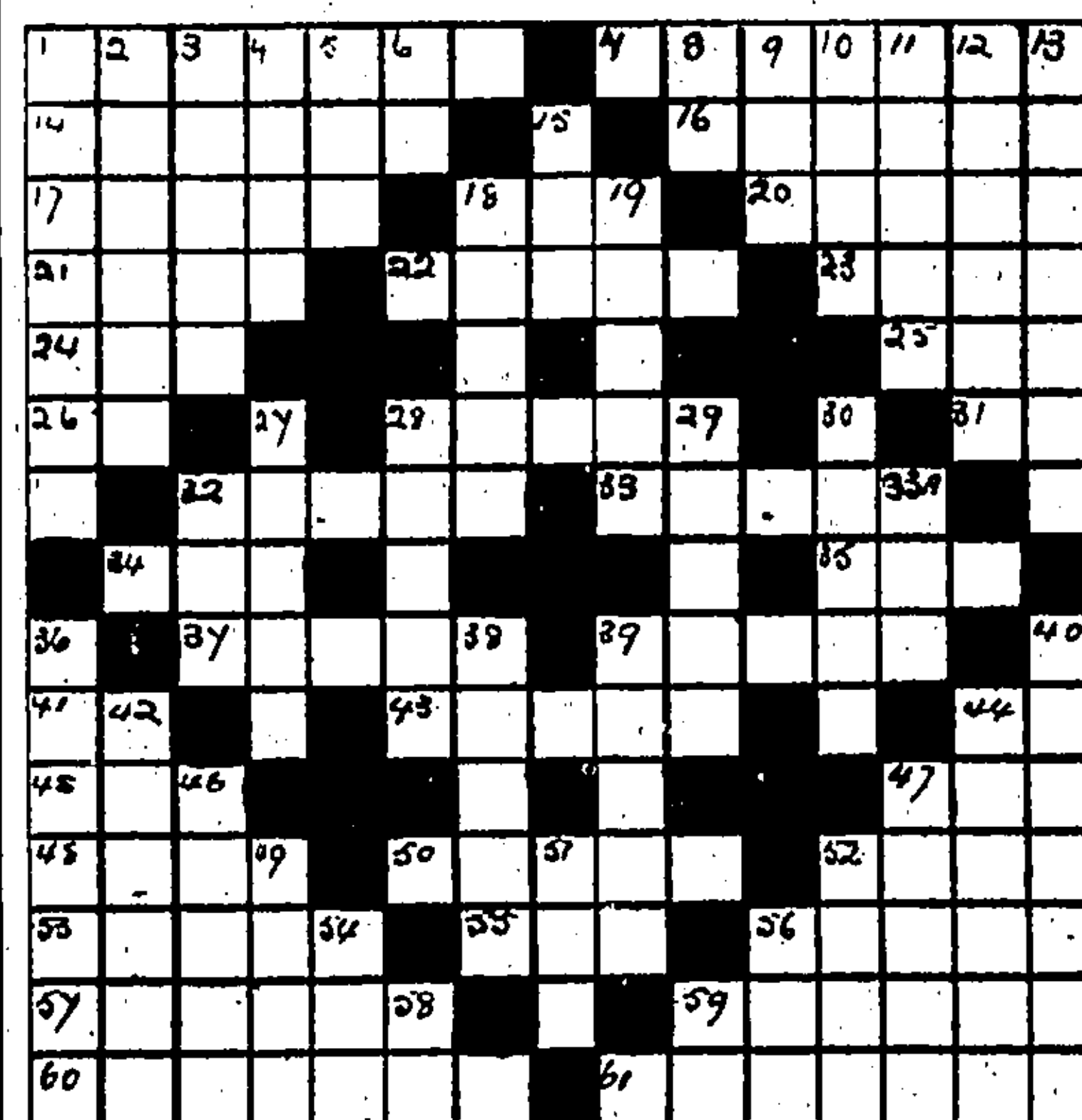
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for.....solution (s) which are attached.

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[Please Write in Block Letters.]

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- | Across.   | Down.  |
|---|--|
| 1. Craft.   | 1. An unimportant or superfluous word.               |
| 7. Emerging.  | 2. An agate.   |
| 14. A genus of leguminous trees and shrubs, usually with thorns and pinnate leaves. | 3. Ingenious.  |
| 16. Pertaining to trap-rock.  | 4. U.C.M.E. (Actual).                                |
| 17. Harmony of language.  | 5. Plant closely allied to wheat.                    |
| 18. Precedence.   | 6. A Gothic prefix.                                  |
| 20. A beautiful flowering tree of China.  | 7. C. T. (Actual).                                   |
| 21. Edge of the roof of a building.   | 9. Arid.   |
| 22. Scoffs.   | 10. To cry out like a child.                         |
| 23. The magpie.   | 11. To part asunder.                                 |
| 24. R. T. E. (Actual).  | 12. I. P. A. C. A. T. (Actual).                      |
| 25. Censure.  | 13. A congregation.                                  |
| 26. A particle often prefixed to Anglo-Saxon verbs.                                 | 15. A species of sapajou.                            |
| 28. A nocturnal lizard.   | 18. One of the faces of a hewn stone.                |
| 31. Tree found in Pacific Islands.  | 19. To become extinct.                               |
| 32. An imaginary evil being supposed to prey upon human bodies.                     | 27. A hut or small cottage.                          |
| 33. In good season.   | 28. To shelter.                                      |
| 34. Sorrow.   | 29. Kilns for drying hops or malt.                   |
| 35. A simpleton.  | 30. A prairie.                                       |
| 36. A bore.   | 32. A rogue.   |
| 37. Pierced with a sting.   | 33A. An age.   |
| 41. Because.  | 36. A gregarious aquatic animal.                     |
| 42. Squirrel's nest (plural).   | 38. To draw conclusions.                             |
| 43. Compass point (abb.).   | 39. Surely.  |
| 45. Non-commissioned officer (abb.).  | 40. Notched on the edge.                             |
| 47. Armed hostility.  | 42. To write, engrave, or mark upon.                 |
| 48. Artifice.   | 44. The pinion or outer joint of the wing of a bird. |
| 50. A tassel.   | 46. A carnivorous animal of the genus Lutra.         |
| 52. To make a whirring noise.   | 47. To handle.                                       |
| 53. Fabric giant of ancient mythology.  | 49. A long embroidered scarf of gauze or silk.       |
| 55. To provoke.   | 51. A barrier.                                       |
| 56. A genus of palms.   | 52. A river or small stream.                         |
| 57. Abundance.  | 54. N. T. O. (Actual).                               |
| 59. An ornament worn as a remedy or preservative against evils or mischief.         | 56. A. H. U. (Actual).                               |
| 60. Earnest.  | 58. Nephrite or jade.                                |
| 61. To roll.  | 59. A. R. (Actual).                                  |

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.



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MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 24th Aug. at 11 a.m.  
TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 21st September.  
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.  
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TATSUNO MARU ... Wednesday, 10th August.  
CALCUTTA MARU ... Thursday, 25th August.  
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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

## THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The following ocean-going steamers arrived during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day:-  
"Pook Sang" (1,987) British, from Calcutta, Singapore, Jardine's—911 passengers.

"Hin Sang" (1,885) British, from Sandakan, Jardine's—52 passengers, 4,000 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.  
"Pres. Madison" (8,341) American, from Seattle, Shanghai, Dollar Line—316 passengers, 1,797 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,327 tons general (through).

"Pres. Cleveland" (8,333) American, from San Francisco, Manila, Dollar Line—187 passengers, 202 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,937 tons general (through).  
"Cuprum" (3,770) American, from Osaka, Robert Dollar—1,626 tons lumber and flour for Hong Kong, 3,365 tons general cargo (through).  
"Cremet" (2,755) Dutch, from Singapore, J.C.J.L.—2,176 passengers, 1,015 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 234 tons general (through).

"Froster" (1,376) Norwegian, from Saigon, Fan Yuen Hong—473 passengers, 2,200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.  
"Macassar Maru" (2,512) Japanese, from Kobe, Karatsu, Nanyo Y.K.—22 passengers, 1,000 tons general (through).  
"Komusan Maru" (1,953) Japanese, from Mito, M.B.K.—3,964 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,950 tons coal (through).  
"Sanjin Maru" (1,508) Japanese, from Keelung, M.B.K.—3,300 tons coal for Hong Kong.

"Tung Woo" (873) Chinese, from Shanghai, Swatow, Shing Kee & Co.  
"Hua Ming" (1,001) Chinese, from Saigon, Yuen Seng Fat—38 passengers, 2,000 tons rice for Hong Kong.  
"Eng Lee" (865) Chinese, from Dairen, Yee Tai Hang—360 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.  
"Sun Kong" (322) Chinese, from Kwong Chow Wan, Man Yick—300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.  
"Shun Lee" (949) Chinese, from Dairen, Yu Tai Han & Co.—650 tons bean and general for Hong Kong, 1,055 tons bean (through).  
"Antenor" (6,809) British, from Liverpool, Singapore, B. & S.—14 passengers, 1,670 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,040 tons general (through).

Departures.  
For Shanghai:—Antenor.  
For Hongkong:—Koyu Maru.  
For Canton:—Sungshan Maru.  
For Halphong:—Tomkin.  
Clearances.  
For Kobe:—West Niger.  
For Keelung:—Siberia Maru.  
For Swatow:—Chin Sang.  
For Canton:—Yat Shing.  
For Manila:—Pres. Madison.  
For Tarakan:—Anatina.

Shipping Abstract.  
Arrivals Departures Port.  
British 3 1 28  
Japanese 3 2 6  
French 0 1 1  
Norwegian 1 0 5  
Chinese 1 0 13  
Dutch 1 0 9  
American 3 0 4  
Panama 0 0 1  
Portuguese 0 0 4  
16 4 75

## CLYDE BUILDING.

3 TANKERS FOR LIVERPOOL OWNERS.

The Blythwood Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Scotstoun, are, it is understood, about to begin the construction of two large single-screw Diesel-driven oil tankers for a well known firm of owners in Liverpool. The vessels will each be of between 10,000 and 11,000 tons deadweight, and they will be propelled at a speed of 11½ knots by Harland B. and W. internal-combustion engines, supplied by Messrs. John G. Kincaid and Co., Ltd., Greenock. The vessels will be of practically the same dimensions as the four twin-screw oil tankers which the Blythwood Shipbuilding Co. have under construction for Messrs. Furness, Withy and Co., Ltd., and which were ordered in January of last year.

The Southern Railway Company have placed with Messrs. David and William Henderson and Co., Ltd., Partick, an order for a twin-screw cargo steamer, 220ft. in length. The vessel is intended for the waters of the Continental and Channel services.

Dutch Order for Clyde.  
Messrs. Erhardt and Dekker (Wijklin Steamship Co.), Rotterdam, have placed an order with the Clyde Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. for a cargo steamer of 7,800 tons d.w., with bridge, forecastle, and poop and tank bridge deck. She will be of 382ft. length, 53ft. breadth and 27ft. 6in. depth, to be classed 100 A1 with Lloyd's, and fitted with longitudinal steel bulkheads for grain. The contract is to be completed in eleven months.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

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## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. "Garbeta" left Singapore for this port on July 19, p.m. and is due here to-day.  
The M.V. "Viminale" (D. & Co.) from Shanghai is expected in Hong Kong to-day.

The E. & A. s.s. "Arafura" left Moji for this port on June 22, and is due here to-morrow, at daylight. She will leave for Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne, July 29, at 4 p.m.  
The Dollar Steamship Line s.s. "President Cleveland" will sail to-morrow at 7 a.m. destined to Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected here:  
"Chenonceau," August 2.  
"Alois II," August 30.  
"D'Artagnan," September 18.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex the s.s. "Amazona" are asked to send in their claims to the Agent before July 28.  
Goods arrived per s.s. "Benledi," remaining undelivered after July 28, will be subject to rent. Consignees of Cargo please note.

## BRITISH BUILDING.

SIR WILLIAM GRAHAM'S CONFIDENCE.

On the occasion of a recent visit to Oslo of Sir William Graham, of the firm of Bailey, Graham and Co., of Cardiff, Barry and Newport, a Norwegian paper availed itself of the opportunity of ascertaining his views on the shipbuilding industry and repair work in Great Britain.

Concerning the situation of ship-repair work, Sir William is reported to have stated that this has been favourable since the coal strike. During the coal stoppage there were no repairs to be carried out. But since the end of the strike there has been a lot of work. The great competitor in the matter has been Rotterdam, where a lot of work was formerly placed.

Gradually, as wages have risen in Rotterdam, and fallen in Great Britain, this competition has become less dangerous. The matter is such that during the past three years the British workmen and employers have constantly conferred with each other in order to reach an understanding in regard to wages reductions considered necessary to provide possibilities of work.

## Capital and Labour.

These conferences have been carried on with considerable goodwill on both sides; and to the praise of the workmen it can be said that they are clear on the point that their wages must stand in reasonable relationship with the wages paid in countries with which Great Britain has to compete; and they were also aware that a peaceful agreement is better than a fight. On the whole it can be stated that the relations between labour and capital are now better in Great Britain than they have been for many years, and just for this reason Sir William regards the future brightly.

As to the question of new construction in Great Britain, Sir William stated that special ships are being built at the present time and fewer tramp vessels. But as time passes many orders will be placed also for tramps as the world tonnage losses about 2,000,000 tons per annum through obsolescence and losses, and because the freight market after the long unfavourable period will necessarily proceed towards better times.

Sir William is further reported to have expressed the opinion that wages in the British shipbuilding industry cannot go down further, and the prices of materials are at the lowest possible; as a consequence the British ship prices are now as low as they can be. The result is that orders and more work are constantly coming forward, and there is reason to regard the future with confidence.

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An order has been placed by the Argentine Government, represented by Admiral Galindes, Chief of the Argentine Naval Commission in Europe, with Messrs. J. Samuel White and Co., Ltd., shipbuilders and engineers, Cowes for the construction of three destroyer flotilla leaders. The vessels will be of the latest type.

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## PASSENGER LISTS.

## ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived by the Dollar liner "President Cleveland" at Hong Kong on July 24 were:—Mrs. O. B. Briddon, Mr. A. A. Z. Clois, Mr. J. A. Cameron, Mrs. M. C. Lim, Miss C. Chua, Mr. C. H. Nance, Mr. W. Robinson, Miss L. Raymond, Miss M. Thomas, Mr. E. P. William, Jr.

Passengers arrived by the A.M.L. Liner "President Madison" at Hong Kong on July 24 were:—

Mr. D. Bolam, Mr. Y. K. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. Chun Bng-him, Mr. Chang Man, Mrs. Chen, Mr. T. J. Evans, Mr. Ho Jack-poo, Mr. C. T. Ho, Mr. Ho Yue-chee, Mr. H. Yue-ming, Mr. Ho Yook-lun, Mr. Ho Yung-hing, Mr. Kiang Boi-yu, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kac, Mr. H. Landis, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lafferty, Master C. J. Lafferty, Jr., Master J. L. Lafferty, Mr. Li Sun, Mr. A. A. Lopez, Miss A. Lopez, Miss E. Lopez, Mr. Look Tit-sang, Mr. Li Fong-kook, Mrs. Lam, Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Loo, Miss Loo Lee-hing, Master Loo Wing-fat, Master Loo Wing-kau, Master Loo Wing-chuan, Mr. Ng Tsz-choi, Mr. E. L. Parker, Mr. Soong, Mr. K. Sze-to, Mr. P. L. Siu, Mr. E. Shim, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. S. Schoenbant, Mr. Tsai, Master Tsai, Mr. Tan Jack-yew, Mr. Tee Kait-hing, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Wah, Mr. Wei Sook-ching, Miss Wei E. Wen, Mr. Woo Joy-min, Mr. Yang Chan-fan, Mr. C. Yang and Mr. Yang Mon-tse.

## DEPARTURES.

Passengers departed by the A.M.L. Liner "President Madison" from Hong Kong for Manila on July 26 were:—

Mr. G. Abayo, Miss M. Arrayo, Mrs. J. Arrayo, Mr. F. Benchemino, Miss M. Braly, Mr. C. C. Coulter, Mr. W. B. Curtis, Mr. C. Duque, Miss C. Hudnut, Mr. E. Hormida, Miss A. Hoyt, Mr. C. Kubo, Mr. J. Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Hydrick, Mrs. A. Malikova, Mr. R. F. Chutter, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Stewart, Miss P. Merrill, Mrs. J. M. Paucett, Mr. J. H. Raymond, Mrs. J. L. Lewery, Miss A. Lacsos, Mr. A. Lacsos, Mr. E. Lacsos, Mr. H. H. Maguire, Mr. H. W. Oviatt, Miss E. G. C. Malley, Mr. L. Osorio, The Hon. Mr. L. Quana, Mrs. E. Robinson, Miss D. Robinson, Mr. R. Trias, Dr. A. Vazquez, Master Hydrick, Miss S. Squires, Mr. Chin Cuo, Mr. Tse Fong, Miss L. De Almada, Miss L. Perilla, Mr. Uy, Mr. D. Bolam, Mr. Y. K. Chen.

Passengers departed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Sberia Maru" for San Francisco via Ports on July 26 were:—

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## SHIP MODEL TEST.

GREAT ADVANCE AS RESULT OF EXPERIMENTS.

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The system was later adopted by all the leading maritime powers, and the transactions of the technical institutions contain many valuable contributions from the various experimenters, all of which have been of extreme value to practitioners. The reasons given by Mr. G. S. Baker, in a recent paper read before the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, for further pursuit of this subject, are therefore worthy of the serious consideration of ship designers and owners. Although so much data is now available, and the improvements have been so great, it should not be thought that the limits of application have been reached.

## Weather Conditions.

To give a particular instance of the direction in which research should be continued, we might mention one of the points named by Mr. Baker, viz.—that of ascertaining the best form for rough weather conditions. This is a phase of the subject which is still in its infancy, and any results which have been published are very inconclusive. In the case of full cargo steamers, it is found by tank experiment that, for smooth water conditions, the best position of the longitudinal centre of buoyancy is between one and two per cent. forward of amidships, but it could not be definitely stated that such distribution would also be best under heavy weather conditions.

There is evidence from ships logs to suggest that a much better result is then obtainable with the centre of buoyancy aft of amidships, but whether the difference is due to that factor alone or to some combination of circumstances is open to doubt; methodical experiments would possibly throw some light on this point. There is also still a very wide field for research in connection with the association of propellers to hulls, and the points raised by Mr. Baker are important illustrations of the improvements which can be effected in what may appear to be insignificant details.

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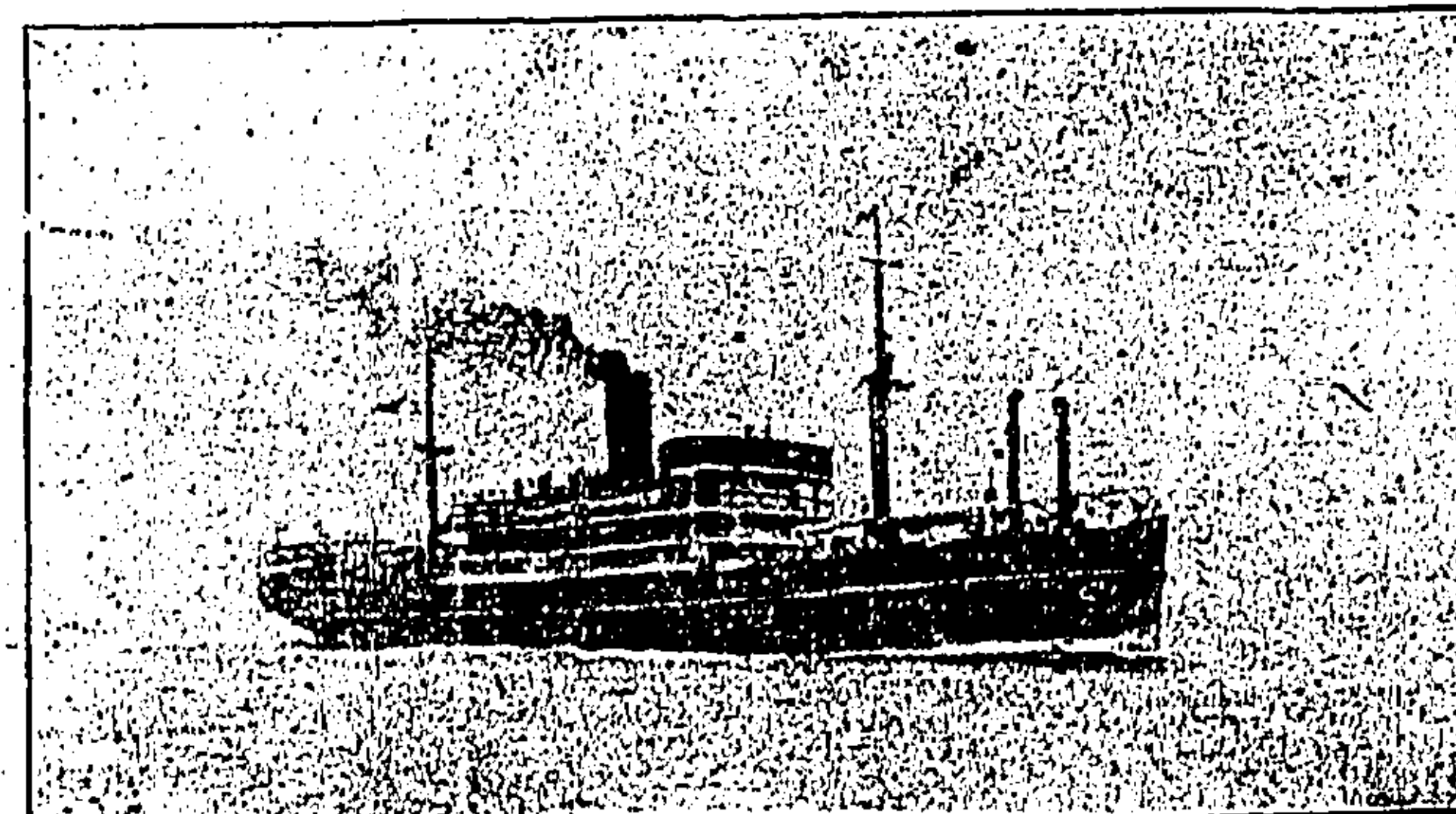
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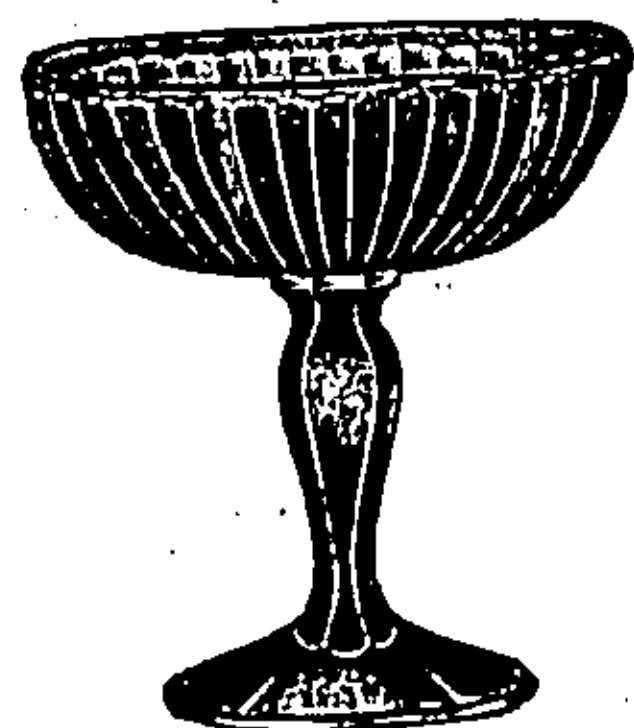
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Mrs. J. C. Wong and her children, grand children and great grand children beg to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the many expressions of sympathy and condolence from their friends in their sad bereavement, for the numerous beautiful floral tributes sent and for their kind attendance at the funeral.

## DEATH.

GARNETT.—On July 20, 1927, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, S. S. Garnett, aged 33.

## IN MEMORIAM.

PICKERING.—On July 21, 1926, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, Harry, beloved husband of Nestie Pickering.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, July 26, 1927.

## TRIBUTE TO THE NAVY.

It is not often that ordinary meetings of public Companies in the Colony witness a departure from the prosaic routine in the way of an allusion to events of Imperial moment. At the meeting of shareholders of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, yesterday, however, the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, made particularly pleasing references to the Wanhien epic, to the co-operation of the British Navy, and to the gallantry of the Company's officers and engineers on the Yangtze. "But for the Navy," That is a phrase reminiscent of war times. "But for the Navy" it would have been a sheer impossibility for the Empire to have come through the ordeal of warfare on the Continent and Overseas triumphantly. "But for the Navy" it would have been impossible for Great Britain to maintain her supplies of foodstuffs to her Colonies in the Far East and

elsewhere. And, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard well emphasises, but for the Navy's assistance in keeping the flag flying during the critical times on the Yangtze and its aid in the way of conveying, a complete withdrawal of all British vessels would in all probability have had to be effected.

This tribute to the work of the Navy in the Far East must be appreciated no less by the general community in this Colony than by the Naval authorities and the Naval rank and file. It is not sufficient to say that the Navy accomplished the object for which it was despatched to China waters. The Wanhien epic clearly demonstrated to the bitterest opponent of naval armaments the peculiar position of the British Empire in regard to Naval strength and the great need that must always exist for the maintenance of a Navy not only strong enough for purely defence purposes but strong enough to detach units to guard British lives and British trade in unsettled countries like China. The congratulations of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company to the Wanhien heroes, whose gallantry will go down to posterity, cannot be regarded as an empty formality in any sense of the term. They symbolise the gratitude of the entire Empire—and of the entire body of foreigners in China as well—toward the British Navy as a whole.

It was likewise fitting that the Hon. Mr. Bernard should not overlook at yesterday's meeting the part played by the sister service—the Mercantile Marine. As he stated, it must not be overlooked that all vessels plying on the Upper and Middle Yangtze were from time to time subjected to considerable rifle fire from Chinese troops on the banks. The thanks of the Company were, therefore, due to the officers and engineers for their patience and determination in continuing to run under conditions which could only have been most trying and dangerous. It can well be imagined that throughout the whole year, as Mr. Bernard pointed out, the difficulty of handling Chinese crews, worked up to a spirit of unrest and independence by what can only be termed "professional agitators," was very great, calling for considerable tact and forbearance on the part of the executive officers, both afloat and ashore.

In this tribute paid by the Chairman of the Company the public generally will not be slow in identifying itself. The members of the Mercantile Marine attached to this particular concern

have ably fulfilled the high traditions of the service all over the world. In conjunction with the Navy they have made British trade possible where it would have been the easiest thing to have "closed down" owing to the precarious and often dangerous conditions prevailing for shipping. This is a great accomplishment, tending to make the name of the British Mercantile Marine more honoured and revered than ever before both on land and sea, not alone by their fellow-Britons but by foreigners of all nations.

## The Happy Beachcomber.

Mental irritability amongst Europeans in the tropics has of late received an amount of attention from the medical press, which would go to show that an increasing number of cases have come to the attention of the writers. Now we have the word of the Chief Secretary of Malaya that neurasthenia is growing amongst Europeans there. The subject is an interesting one. A recent writer, Dr. Morden Carthew, who has lived in Siam, divides all wanderers to the tropics from Europe and America into three main types:—(a) the Adventurer, (b) the Missioner, and (c) the Beachcomber. The first class, according to the doctor, suffers extensively from mental strain, the second very much less so, and the third not at all. The Adventurer, it appears, forms by far the great majority. He journeys to the tropics in obedience of his secondary instincts of curiosity, hunting for food and the wherewithal to obtain his creature comforts with greater facility than he can at home. Then, around the end of his third year, he begins to experience a strain in carrying out his work. And if he prolongs his stay uninterruptedly for ten years or so, he often suffers a severe nervous breakdown. The Missioner, carries on the writer, stays out in the tropics year after year without detriment to his health and without the visitation of those periods of mental irritability. This is ascribed to psychological causes. The Missioner, we are told, sublimates his emotions; and it is for this reason that he shows superior endurance of tropical conditions. Then we come to the jolly old Beachcomber. He seems to be the luckiest of the lot, because he possesses little or no herd instinct and his tropical environment is in no way antagonistic to him. He suffers no mental conflict, no home-sickness, and hence, none of the signs of minor mental disturbance. Happy man!

## POLICE METHODS.

## SOLICITOR MAKES SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.

## ARREST PROCEDURE.

Allegations against a European Police sergeant that he had assaulted a Chinese he saw running in the street the better to intimidate him into admitting anything the Police officer suspected were made at the resumption of the case in which Percy Sidney Lai is charged with assaulting, resisting and wilfully obstructing Sergt. Haywood in the execution of his duty.

There is a counter-summons against the Sergeant for alleged assault. Mr. G. K. Hall-Brutton, who defended, submitted that it was ludicrous to imagine that a lad standing five foot five would have resisted a man six-foot tall and four stone heavier if the Police officer had merely intimidated that he had wished to search for arms.

The Police officer had said, under examination, continued Mr. Brutton, that he had first suspected the defendant of the theft of the bundle of clothing he was carrying under his arm. The charge now brought against him was of resisting search for arms and Mr. Brutton contended that as the defendant had not been stopped by the Sergeant for this purpose his client was entitled to be discharged.

The "Fear of God." Asked by the Magistrate (Major C. Willson) how he could explain the alleged unprovoked assault by the Police officer, Mr. Brutton alleged that when a man was to be arrested the first thing the Police did was to put the "Fear of God" into him.

In the opinion of Mr. Brutton it was an efficacious way for the Police to assault a person before arresting him, but the private individual must be protected. The police in the Colony has a difficult job and should be supported but they must not lose sight of the public's right.

## HOT WEATHER DISEASES.

Disorders of the bowels are extremely dangerous, particularly during the hot weather of the summer months and in order to protect yourself and family against a sudden attack, get a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. It can be depended upon. For sale everywhere.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## NAVY ON "STRIKE" SHIPS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Sir,—With reference to the action of H.M. Navy authorities, in sending naval officers and ratings on board China Navigation ships during the typhoon, it is not, to say the least of it, a step somewhat beneath the traditional dignity of the Royal Navy to participate in "strike-breaking."

I believe I am correct in my information when I say that the Navy did not approach the Guild, state the Company, and ask whether the officers were willing to go on board. The alleged refusal of officers to go on board during typhoons emanated from Shanghai. If officers had been approached locally on the holding of the signals I have no doubt but that they would have responded.

Yours, etc.,  
ONE OF THE OFFICERS.  
Hong Kong, July 26.

## CHINESE BATHING CLUB.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Dear Sir,—I shall feel very much obliged if you will kindly allow me through your esteemed paper to state that the management of the Chinese Bathing Club regarding the fact of allowing its members to go into the matched te bath, is far from being satisfactory. For, before its members can enter therein, they often receive very rude treatment from the servants of the Club who are instructed to guard the entrance of the matched.

Is it fair that members (both ladies and gentlemen alike) should be compelled, ere gaining admittance, to answer again and again the questions of its servants who are either bare-footed or with such appearances that look unworthy to be regarded as the staff of such a big Club?

In one instance, I heard its servants put these questions to a party of some swimmers:—"Well, why not sign your name here, first?" The gentleman did as told. Again the servant said: "How about that man? Is he not a member?" "Yes" was the reply. "Show me his ticket" demanded the servant sternly. After the ticket was shown and examined for some minutes the party got in. But had he not brought the ticket he might have been turned out or at least made the object of a quarrel.

Under this harsh management, it is quite annoying and perhaps insulting too to be questioned by this kind of staff. Furthermore, how inconvenient is it that member must bring a ticket when entering a club? If the Club wants to check non-members from using the place to swim, I am sure there are many other ways to be adopted. Then, why be so rude upon thousands of its members?

Thanking you for your space,  
Yours very truly,  
H. C.

Hong Kong, July 26.

## TIRED OF FASTING.

## VANZETTI HAS SUBSTANTIAL BREAKFAST.

Boston, Monday.  
Vanzetti has interrupted his hunger strike with a substantial breakfast of oatmeal, milk, bread, and coffee. Sacco maintains his fast.—Reuter's American Service.

## OLDER THAN CANTERBURY.

"The Welsh Church was older than Canterbury, older than York," declared the Bishop of Bangor in instituting the Rev. T. J. Rowlands, lately of Swansea, to the benefice of Holyhead.

The Church of England owed its origin to Italy and other countries, but the Welsh Church was founded by the old saints of Wales, stated the bishop, and there was no country in the whole of Europe where the Church was so truly national as the Welsh Church. He dreamed of the day when the Welsh Church would be the one Church of the Welsh people.

assault by the Police officer, Mr. Brutton alleged that when a man was to be arrested the first thing the Police did was to put the "Fear of God" into him.

In the opinion of Mr. Brutton it was an efficacious way for the Police to assault a person before arresting him, but the private individual must be protected. The police in the Colony has a difficult job and should be supported but they must not lose sight of the public's right.

Mr. Brutton concluded by stating that every single bit of the evidence was in favour of Lai. He submitted that his Worship could not come to any other conclusion than that the Sergeant assaulted the defendant. Major Willson intimated that he wished to consider the matter and would announce his decision on Wednesday afternoon.

## P'RAPS—P'RAPS NOT!

Capt. Charles A. Lindbergh hopped-off at 7.51, Eastern daylight saving time.—Honolulu paper.

Little Johnny, of the farm, who had brought out his school books to do some home studying, was stuck over a word.

"Mum," he said, "what's a millennium?"

"Mercy, boy; I never heard of such a thing. Ask your dad."

"Of course I do," bragged the head of the household. It's just the same as a centennial, only it's got more legs."

Those who recollect the old "Spoonersisms" will smile at one that occurred at a function when the nervous chairman rose and said hurriedly: "Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Kooks and Mr. Bloggers will now render that—er—ah—er—yes, duet, 'Nightman, What of the Watch?'"

There's one excellent cure for dandruff annoyances and that's a tweed suit.—"California Pelican."

According to the Home papers Mr. A. J. Cook, the unfortunate Miners' Federation Secretary, in the course of the last "interview" he gave (or got) before his strike collapsed, said, more in sorrow than anger: "I am a celebrity, but I can't help it." Sort of "greatness" thrust upon him as it were? Well, on his own boast, he gave £300 for his false teeth, too!

Mussolini says that the future of Italy lies on the water. But water is the unstable element, and, as the Germans found out, some futures aren't worth the atmosphere they are visualised in.

Suburb: You go to school in New York?  
Miss Uptown: Yes.

Suburb: What do you take at school?  
Miss Uptown: Oh, French and lunch.—"Texas Ranger."

What is the worst thing you could do to a farmer?  
Tread on his corn.

Tramp: "Yes'm, I wunst had a good job managin' a hand laundry, but it failed on me."

Lady: "Poor man. How did it happen to fail?"  
Tramp: "She left an' went home to her people."

Angry Motorist: I want a quart of anti-chatter oil.  
Service Man: Sure; where's your car?  
Angry Motorist: I want it for my wife.—"Georgia Cracker."

There are now definitely two Liberal parties, we are told (says the London "Sporting Times"). Should another Liberal be discovered, we take it there will be three Liberal parties.

These genuine extracts from American papers show that the printers of that enlightened country are no more careful than our own.

A female steer, black and white, I would exchange for something that I could use. What have you to trade? John T. Wilson, R. S. Cadis, Ky.—"National Farmer."

Miss Marguerite Dunaway and brother, Ross, entertained a company of friends one evening decently.—Galesburg (Ill.) paper.

Emmet Ash is bathing and says he doesn't like it the least bit and sure will be glad when his wife comes home. Mrs. Ash is at her mother's cunning fruit.—"Bowling Green (Ohio) Sentinel."

The young schoolmaster had been taking his boys for a tramp across country. They were very hot, and when they came to a small pond he said they could bathe. Unfortunately, there was too many of them for so small a pond, and there was much confusion after a few minutes that the worried master cried out, "Look here! If you all get in you can't all get in! But if you don't all get in you will all get in."

Children's sayings are often delightfully quaint; but this one is perhaps as quaint as any. A citizen, who has a little daughter of the intriguing age of 5 years, was distressed on a night—or, rather, early morn—recently, to hear little Betty crying bitterly. On toddling into her room he found her sitting up in bed; and, after comforting and soothing her, he said: "You'll be all right now, dear; you were only dreaming. Now go to sleep again." Betty looked thoughtful, and then said: "Dada, I don't like the pictures Dad sends at night-time. Do you?"

Sta: What is Jack so pleased about?  
Dent: Why, he's got an idea for an invention that will make him a millionaire.

Sta: An idea worth millions! What is it?  
Dent: A cake of flying soap for shower baths.—"Virginia Reel."



## NOTES NO GOOD.

WATER CO. AND FOREIGN ACCOUNTS.

REFUSING CENTRAL BANK BILLS

The "Central China Post" of July 16 contains the following interesting article on the position of the Hankow Waterworks Electric Light Company.

Foreign consumers of water and users of electric current were surprised to receive a printed notice from the Hankow Waterworks and Electric Light Company which read as follows:

Notice.  
It is to our regret that at present foreign trading firms are refusing to accept bank-notes of Hankow currency. As this company has to pay for materials, especially coal and oil, great difficulties are experienced in obtaining Shanghai money or silver dollars. In view of the above fact, this company is unwillingly compelled to request their foreign consumers that as from this month (June), their bills for water and electricity be paid in silver dollars or such bank-notes as they would receive from us.

The Hankow Waterworks and Electric Light Co., Ltd.  
Hankow, June, 1927.

While we have a certain amount of sympathy for the management and shareholders of the Waterworks Company, we cannot but feel that the course they have now mastered to express the suggestion that the currency of their Government is not as good as foreign money, has been much too tardy to be of any value.

Where is all the Silver?

It probably is a source of regret to many besides the management of the Waterworks, that foreign firms refuse to accept the banknotes of the Central China Bank, and as their circular evidences they are beginning to realise the fact that if goods have to be purchased abroad, or outside the sphere in which a Government has the power to enforce its exactions, such goods must be paid for in real money, and unless such goods are sold for money of an equivalent value, then they speedily come to an end to all trade no matter of what nature. Those within the sphere may live for a time by the proverbial "taking in of each other's washing," or they are compelled to fall back to a primitive state of exchange and barter. Coal and oil not forming part of the products of Hankow, there is no possibility of the Company exchanging their water and current for these essential products. Hence, even this system would break down in the case under review. Whoever was responsible for the drafting of this circular has perhaps unconsciously expressed the foundation of the whole trouble when he or they state that "great difficulties are experienced in obtaining silver money or dollars." The question that should be asked is, "What has become of the silver and the dollars?" People do not eat silver, and dollars do not disappear into thin air of their own volition. Even the wild assumption that military expenses have been paid in dollars, and that every soldier has received all the pay due to him in silver, does not account for the curious disappearance; soldiers do not eat dollars any more than other people, and therefore the silver must be in existence somewhere in the country. The question for the management of the Waterworks and similar organisations who find themselves in the same dilemma is where is the much needed silver?

Are Chinese Approached?

By what process of reasoning the directors of the Waterworks arrive at the conclusion that it is easier for their foreign consumers to obtain silver money than it is for the Chinese consumers the circular does not disclose. If it did, the majority of foreign consumers would have heartily welcomed its appearance, and we suggest that a further circular be issued containing the necessary information. In which case there is no doubt but that foreign consumers will not only cheerfully pay in the currency requested, but will in addition, celebrate their accession to knowledge by a display of illumination which will be of material benefit to the Company. As it is not the foreigners who are responsible for the fact that Shanghai and other places refuse to accept Hankow paper currency, it would be pertinent to ask, why the circular particularly specifies foreign consumers, and whether the same circular has been dispatched to their Chinese consumers; particularly the various Government departments who are lavish users of electricity, and in this hot weather possibly of water too.

Makes the Currency Good.

The relative proportion of coal and oil consumed to the volume of water and current produced is a small one. The items which figure largely on the expense side of the Company's ledger, are the wages of employees and taxes, and it is quite certain that none of these have to be paid in foreign money. Of two foreigners who were employed by the Company one, the chief, was dismissed by order of the Waterworks' Coolies Union, without compensation or consideration of the fact that two-thirds of his contract period of service was unexpired. Even had this gentleman's services been retained up to the present time—as there was stipulation in his contract to the contrary—there is little doubt but that his salary would have been paid in the currency in force at this centre. The remedy does not lie in asking foreigners to pay in a different currency, it lies with the

## FINED BY P.W.D.

COURT USED AS A COLLECTOR.

DECISION RESERVED.

The Magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lindell, yesterday reserved his decision in the case in which Mr. Li Tse-fong, builder, was summoned by the P.W.D. for trespass in utilizing Crown land for setting waste pipes.

Mr. A. E. Hall, who appeared for the defence, said that the P.W.D. condoned this by the fact that the intake of water from a spring, and the pipe-lines, were constructed on the suggestion of one of the Department's representatives, and by the fact that it was not until four months later that action was taken by the Department. Then a fine of \$50 was imposed, and a condition was made for the payment of this penalty before the encroachment was legalised.

Counsel suggested that the P.W.D. had usurped the powers of a Magistrate in imposing a fine.

Meaning of "Fine."

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor) appearing for the P.W.D., denied that the Department was usurping the Magistrate's powers in imposing the penalty, which was merely made a condition before the work could be permitted. There had been too many of these breaches, and some action had to be taken. He produced Stroud's legal dictionary and expounded that the word "fine," apart from its strict meaning, had a meaning also akin to "premium."

His Worship said that it was only when the defendant refused to pay the \$50 that this summons was taken before the Court. "What else does that mean," his Worship said, "than asking this Court to act as a lever for the payment of this fine imposed by the P.W.D. It is obviously an important point which will also affect all other cases of this nature. I want time to consider."

## NEW TOKYO HOTEL.

SEVEN STOREY STRUCTURE BEING PLANNED.

There is a scheme on hand for building a hotel on a grand scale in front of Tokyo Station, or on the site adjacent to the Kaijo Building. The Japan Tourist Bureau is the sponsor, and is ardently supported by the Railway Department and other influential persons.

According to the plan the hotel, which is to be capitalised at Y.12,000,000, is to be of seven storeys and built of fireproof ferro-concrete, with 2,500 tatsoo floor space and 750 rooms, each with a bathroom, on a site covering 2,789 tatsoo. It will accommodate 1,000 guests. The hotel is also to be equipped with Turkish and Russian bathrooms, a grill room, dance hall, music hall, and various other chambers, and a grand banquet hall to hold 2,000 people.

The hotel charge so far fixed is from Y.4.50 up to Y.40. The owner of the site is the Mitsubishi Company, which is likewise an enthusiastic supporter of the scheme.

## FIRMS PLEASE NOTE!

Says the "North China Daily News":

Even a journalist's life has its pleasant little interludes, as, for instance, when, accompanying the compliments of Messrs. F. W. Hammond & Co., 24 The Bund, there arrived a bottle of Young's Gold Medal Mountain Dew whiskey, for which the claim is put forward that it is "Scotland's Oldest," in itself no small recommendation. The "Woman's Page" bespoke the hand of a dressing table ornament, and promptly secured it. The contents otherwise were disposed of, and at the date of writing, do not contradict all that is claimed for them.

## BURNED IN DOCK YARD.

A Chinese from the Taikoo dockyard has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from severe burns to the right side of his head caused by a scale falling on him whilst working on the s.s. "Seang Bee" which is under repair.

A Sugar Refinery worker has been removed to hospital suffering from a crushed toe.

Government and people here. They must make that currency good. There will be no hesitation on the part of traders of any nationality to exchange their goods for Hankow currency once the fact is demonstrated that there is sufficient metal under the control of the bank that issues the notes to meet the normal demands of ordinary banking usage. Till that time trade will only droop and wilt under the difficulty which the Waterworks is but one, in facing here.

## \$10,000. MAIL-BAG.

VANISHES BETWEEN CARDIFF AND LONDON.

MISSING FROM EXPRESS.

Four registered packages containing Treasury notes to the value of £10,000 were among the contents of a mail-bag which was lost in transit between Cardiff and London in mail week and is believed to have been stolen.

The Treasury notes were being sent by Lloyds Bank, Cardiff, to the head office of the bank in London.

The missing bag was despatched by the Great Western dining-car express for London which left Cardiff at 6.37 p.m. This train is timed to arrive at Paddington at 9.40 p.m.

The bag, one of a heap of 21, was placed in the mail van of the train at Cardiff Station by postal officials. The van was locked, and was opened for a few minutes only at Newport and Swindon, when other mails were added to the pile.

The only other stop between Cardiff and London was at Reading, but no mails were taken on there and the van was therefore not opened at Reading.

On the arrival of the train at Paddington the bag in question was missing, and since then every effort to trace it has failed.

The missing bag was one of what are known as "final" bags, which are tied with pink labels to distinguish them. Postal officials say there were three of these in the train when it left Cardiff.

Thief's Opportunity.

When the contents of the van were checked at Paddington and only two pink-label Cardiff bags were found immediate inquiries were telephoned to the South Wales City, and meanwhile the train was searched from end to end. Cardiff was emphatic that the bag was placed in the train, and all subsequent inquiries have confirmed them.

The officials incline to the belief that the bag went astray or was stolen either at Cardiff or Paddington. It is at these two places where a thief would have the best opportunities.

There are always several postal and railway men superintending the despatch of the mails at Cardiff, but it is quite possible that the bag may have been snatched when their backs were turned for a moment.

At Paddington the bags are checked as they are taken out of the mail van, and it was during this checking process that the loss was discovered. It is declared that the bags are never out of sight for a moment at Paddington. A number of cheques and other letters are stated to form part of the contents of the missing bag.

Previous Mail Theft.

It will be recalled that in October 1925, Treasury notes to the value of £6,000 were stolen in transit by railway from a mail-bag between Snow Hill Station, Birmingham, and Newport, Monmouthshire. The notes, made up in packages of £500 each, were handed over in two parcels at the General Post Office, Birmingham, by a local bank. The mail-bag vanished between its arrival at Snow Hill Station and the examination of the mails at Newport, when it was found that another bag had been substituted.

In February last year a mail-bag with £2,000 in notes was missing from a train while in transit from Bradford to Manchester. In this case, also, the notes had been despatched by a bank.

## HARI-KIRI.

JAPANESE ATTEMPT WITH PEN KNIVES.

Manila, July 20.

Masanobu Kono, Japanese carpenter living at 315 Calle Eldorado, Quilapo, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit hari-kiri early yesterday morning, and as a result is now confined in the Philippine General Hospital suffering from a severe wound in his abdomen and another in his neck. His condition is serious, but complete recovery is almost certain, according to the attending physicians.

Kono made the attempt while seated in his automobile, parked in front of a small garage at 315 Calle Regidor. He employed the use of two pen-knives, using one in each hand, with which he slashed himself wildly. The wound in his abdomen was two-and-one-half inches long while the one in his neck narrowly missed severing the jugular vein.

Despondency over ill-health is believed to have been the motive for Kono's attempted suicide. According to his friends, he has been ill for two weeks. The fact that he attempted to take his own life was not a surprise to his neighbours.

Kono was found at 6.50 a.m. by K. Kuj, a neighbour, who happened to be passing the car in which he had attempted to kill himself. He was in an unconscious condition and a pen-knife was clasped in each of his hands.

The attempted suicide is 31 years of age, single, and a native of Fugusima, Japan.

We are sick of the women's question.—Miss Margery Fry, Principal of Somerville College.

## "PLUGSTREET."

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE TABLET UNVEILED.

'GENTLEMEN OF BLACK BUTTONS'

Brussels.

Three hundred and fifty officers and other ranks of the London Rifle Brigade (5th City of London Regiment) crossed the Channel to see Lieut.-General Sir H. F. M. Wilson unveil a memorial to the regiment's war dead in the cemetery at Ploegsteert—the Flanders village still remembered by thousands as "Plugstreet."

The tablet commemorates 91 officers and 1,831 non-commissioned officers and riflemen who were killed during the war.

After the tablet in the London Rifle Brigade Cemetery here—consecrated by the Bishop of London in 1915—had been unveiled by Sir H. F. M. Wilson, who commanded the 4th Division in 1914, Earl Cairns, who commanded the regiment at the outbreak of war, said in the course of a brief address:—

The 1st Battalion was treated with the greatest kindness and consideration by the inhabitants of this little town. I can recall actions which, after all these years, are still surprising in their generosity. If that spirit still lives, as I believe it does, those who lie here are assured of respect and recognition for all time—not only in London, but also here in Belgium.

And I like to picture future generations taking their evening walks along the road which bounds our cemetery, and pointing as they pass to this gate, with the words, "There sleep the gentlemen of the Black Buttons."

Ypres.

The Cross of Sacrifice and Memorial, a monument to the memory of the 35,000 officers and men of the British Empire who fell in the later actions in the Ypres Salient and have no known graves, was unveiled in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Passchendaele, by Capt. G. J. C. Dyett.

The Tyne Cot Cemetery lies just under the crest of the Passchendaele Ridge, an objective of the fighting in 1917. The nucleus of the cemetery is a few battle graves lying round the highest of several iron-concrete block houses.

A stone platform has been built round and over the block house and on the top has been erected the War Cross, with the War Stone in the centre. On the Stone are inscribed the words: "Their Name Liveth for Evermore."

In the wall are panels inscribed with the names of the 35,000 officers and men who fell on the Ypres battlefields, supplementing those inscribed on the Menin Gate at Ypres. A smaller semi-circular apse is consecrated to the New Zealand dead.

## HONG KONG RADIO.

THE NEW PHILIPPINES SERVICE.

The "Manila Bulletin" of July 22, announcing the new radio service between Hong Kong and the Philippine Islands, says:

The management of the Radio Corporation of the Philippines said last night that beginning at 7.30 a.m. to-morrow, June 23, it will open a commercial radio telegraph service with Hong Kong. The circuit will be operated in collaboration with the Government post office authorities in the British Colony. The full rate per word "via RCP" will be 23 centavos, which is a substantial reduction in the existing telegraphic rate. Deferred messages will be accepted at one-half of the full rate.

Messages for Hong Kong will be accepted at the city office of Radio Corporation of the Philippines at 25, Plaza Moraga, which is open at all hours. Traffic "via RCP" to Hong Kong will be received in and distributed from the radio telegraph section of the Government post office situated in the heart of the business district on the Bund. Preliminary tests of the facilities indicate that high speed conditions will obtain for a great portion of the time between Hong Kong and Manila.

As in the case of its trans-Pacific circuit, the RCP will employ automatic transmission and reception in the Hong Kong circuit. Every endeavour will be made to provide a thoroughly first class service on this, its first inter-Oriental circuit, by the local radio concern, which in actual operation with San Francisco during the past month has completely dispelled the old bogey of mutilation and delay on radiograms which has existed for some years in Manila.

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

July 26—Queen's Theatre; "The Sporting Chance."

July 26—World Theatre; "Sixty Cents An Hour."

July 26—Star Theatre, Kowloon; "The Silent Rider."

July 26—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant, Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

July 26—Isako's Circus, New Reclamation ground, Wanchai, 9.15 p.m.

July 26—Entertainment of song and dance by the J-Pans in Seamen's Institute, 21 Praya East, 8.30 p.m.

July 26—Concert, "Cheer O," 7.30 p.m.; Whist Drive, "Better Ole," 7 p.m.

July 27—Whist Drive, "Cheer O," 7.30 p.m. Concert by Mobile Concert Party, Shamshuipo Camp, 7.30 p.m.

July 28—Informal Dance, "Cheer O," 7 p.m. Sing Song and Singing Competition, "Better Ole"; Concert by "J-Pans," Rope Factory, 7.15 p.m.

July 29—Concert, at "Cheer O," 7 p.m.; "Better Ole," 7 p.m.

July 30—Grand Concert, City Hall, 6.30 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

July 28—Valuable household furniture at No. 9 Queen's Garden (ground floor), 2.45 p.m.

August 4-5—Household furniture, pictures, curios, etc., of the late Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens, No. 5, Peak Road, 11 a.m.

September 15—Valuable properties in the New Territories, at Messrs. Lammer's Sales Room, 8, Duddell Street, 3 p.m.

July 26—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

July 29—Annual meeting of members of the Peak Club, at the Club, 6 p.m.

## NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG &amp; KOWLOON TAXICAB COMPANY, LIMITED.

AT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named Company duly convened and held at Des Voeux Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 5th day of July, 1927, the following Extraordinary Resolutions were duly passed; and at a Second Extraordinary Meeting, duly convened and held at the same place on WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of July, 1927, were duly confirmed as Special Resolutions, viz:—

1.—That the Company be wound up voluntarily.

2.—That John Fleming, C.A. and H. R. M. Cleland, C.A., both of Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be, and are hereby appointed Liquidators to act either jointly or severally for the purpose of such winding up.

Dated this 21st day of July, 1927.

N. CROUCHER,  
Chairman.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON TAXICAB COMPANY, LIMITED.  
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 181 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the HONG KONG & KOWLOON TAXICAB COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of the Liquidators, 3 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of August, 1927, at 12 noon for the purposes provided for in the said Section.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1927.

JOHN FLEMING,  
H. R. M. CLELAND,  
Joint Liquidators.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1911 AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXICAB COMPANY LIMITED.

THE CREDITORS of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 15th day of September 1927, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, of No. 3, Queen's Road Central, the Liquidators of the said Company, and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said Liquidators, are, by their Solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

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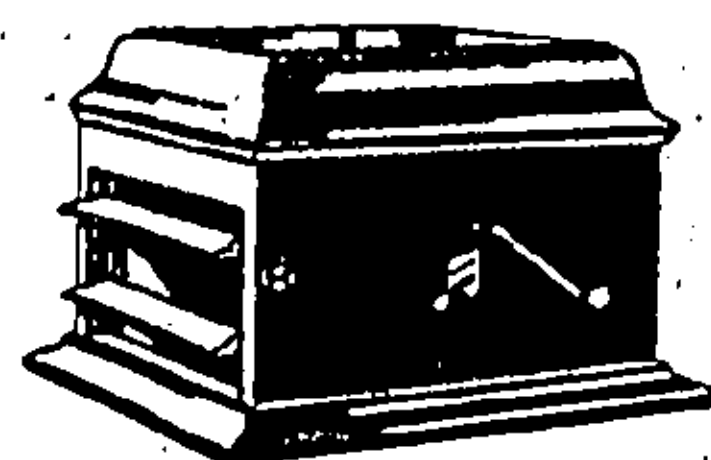
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Yesterday at about 5.15 p.m. one of the crew of the Dairy Farm launch fell overboard and was at once washed away by the tide.

The Chinese detective named Tzung Nung-tuh who was shot by loafers at Yangtzeport last week has died in hospital. One alleged assailant, with two loaded revolvers on his person, has been arrested.

A Chinese sing-song girl was arrested in Yau-mat yesterday, believed to be connected with a plot to kidnap a young Chinese, who claims that last January this woman and another man, coaxed him to go to Canton under the pretext that they would open a shop in Honam.

A report was made to the Police yesterday by Mr. C. I. Cooke, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, to the effect that his wife lost a gold brooch on which were mounted three Chinese gold cash. The loss was discovered after Mrs. Cooke had reached the Peak Tram Station from Queen's Road Central.

A Chinese electrician, employed by the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., was charged with fraud before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning. Under the pretext that he had authority to install electric meters he obtained from a Yau-mat household the sum of \$13 as deposit. He was sent to prison for one month with hard labour.

"Number 51" of the Carillon for the Canadian Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, the largest Carillon in the world, was shipped from Croydon by the Canadian National Railways on the Cunarder "Antonia." The bell is 84 inches in diameter at the base, 5 feet, 9 inches high, and weighs 6 1/4 tons; it is tuned to Low C. It has been dubbed the "Luxury" bell because it is used only occasionally in rendering Carillon music, and is rarely included in any but the largest Carillons. The first note on this bell was struck by the King through the completion of an electric circuit between London and the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa on July 1, the Diamond Jubilee of Canada's Confederation.

Revenue from the bets tax in May was £289,400.

An unemployed Chinese seaman was fined \$50,000 or 12 months hard labour at the Central Magistracy yesterday for being in possession of over \$10,000 worth of prepared opium.



Guglielmo Marconi whose engagement has been announced to Countess Maria Soan of Rome. Marconi, owing to his wonderful pioneering in wireless 20 years ago was offered the title of Duke of Colkano by the King of Italy, and many other titles which he has repeatedly refused, preferring to be called Marconi only.

The week's programme of entertainment arranged by the Committee of the Naval and Military Club is as follows: To-day:—"Cheer O"; Concert, 7.30 p.m.; "Better Ole"; Whist Drive, 7 p.m. To-morrow:—"Cheer O"; Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.; Shamshui Camp; Concert by the Mobile Concert Party, 7.30 p.m. Thursday:—"Cheer O"; Informal Dance, 7 p.m.; "Better Ole"; Sing Song and Singing Competition, 7 p.m.; Rope Factory; Concert by The J-Pan' under direction of Miss Capell, 7.15 p.m. Friday:—"Cheer O"; Concert, 7 p.m.; "Better Ole"; Concert, arranged by Committee, 7 p.m. Saturday:—City Hall; Grand Concert, arranged by Mrs. Costen, 6.30 p.m.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. John Alexander Fraser, District Officer North (New Territories), residing at Tai-po, and Miss Kathleen Ella Mozley, Mountain Lodge, Hong Kong.

Passengers for Manila by the "President Madison" to-day include Mr. C. C. Coulter, Miss C. Hudnut, Mr. H. H. Maguire, the Hon. Manuel L. Quezon and Mr. L. Osorio. Arrivals from Manila yesterday by "President Cleveland" included Mr. J. A. Cameron.

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place shortly, of Mr. J. L. Dods, First Secretary at the British Legation, Stockholm, and Mrs. Erika Bell of Paris, widow of Mr. Edward Bell, of New York, late American Charge d'Affaires in Peking, and daughter of Brig.-General H. Conyers Surtees.

Weihaiwei people are regretting the departure of the Rev. C. R. and Mrs. Burnett. Mr. Burnett is a missionary of the S.P.G. and acted as Port Chaplain. In addition, he has for the past 16 years been principal of a Chinese school for advanced students and is described as perhaps the best all-round sportsman Weihaiwei has had.

Mlle. Svetlanova, directress of the Shanghai Ballet School, left for Singapore for a three months' engagement with the Raffles Hotel there. Mlle. Svetlanova will be back in November and will open her school again. Mlle. Svetlanova proposes to give three ballet performances in the coming season with her pupils.

Col. Cecil Rae, from Ipoh, while on the voyage to Europe met with a nasty accident on board. It appears that he slipped in the swimming bath and fell heavily on one side and as a result broke a couple of ribs. The accident occurred while the ship was entering the Red Sea. The injuries received careful attention and by the time the ship reached Port Said Col. Rae was able to sit up and write.

A pretty wedding was solemnized on July 6 at St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, the Rev. O. B. Parsons officiating, between Mr. J. W. Fuller, of Malayan Colonies, Ltd., and Miss M. I. Teale. The bride looked charming in a dress of white crepe-de-chine and lace, and a veil of embroidered net with a wreath of orange blossom and carried a sheaf of madonna lilies. She was given away by Mr. Stanley Smith of Tanjong Malim.

Col. G. G. Stroebe, of the Yangtze Conservancy Board, has returned from Peking.

The Planters' Association of Malaya hopes to entertain Sir Hugh Clifford at tiffin during His Excellency's forthcoming visit to Kuala Lumpur.

Major N. F. Dare M.C., Manager, Chenderiang Tin Dredging, Ltd., has been appointed a member of the Batang Sanitary Board vice Mr. A. F. Spooner.



Commander Ramon Franco, Spanish aviator, who has submitted plans to the Cabinet of Spain for a flight around the world in an aeroplane of all Spanish construction. Commander Franco, who sometime ago flew from Palos, Spain to Buenos Aires, plans to take two companions with him in his world flight.

Mr. Duncan Bardsley Hogg, eldest son of Dr. Alfred Hogg and Mrs. Hogg, of Chefoo, was married to Eileen, daughter of the late Mr. F. R. M. Stone and Mrs. Stone, of Manchester, at Home, on June 16.

Mr. R. M. Mackenzie, Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court, Kuala Lumpur, and formerly one of the best of Malayan cricketers, expects to retire from the Government service next year.

A Chinese married couple were acquitted at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of kidnapping a five-years-old child.

Hauteville House, Guernsey, the home of Victor Hugo, the great French poet, during many years of exile, was formally handed over to the city of Paris. It was the gift of a number of descendants of Victor Hugo now living in Guernsey, and the presentation was the occasion for a striking ceremony in which delegates from Paris took part.

At 5.45 p.m. yesterday the Fire Brigade was called to 349, Queen's Road West, where the verandah of the first and second storeys had collapsed. A boy, a woman and two men were buried under the debris, but thanks to the prompt turn-out of the Brigade, they were dug out and found to be suffering from nothing worse than a few bruises.

"In connection with the piracy of the s.s. 'Solvik', it learned that the Police have certain information obtained as a result of the non-collection of fifteen of the tickets issued to passengers. These tickets are obviously in the possession of the pirates who embarked as passengers and from the names given on the counterfoil, the Police have been able to trace details of certain of the men who stayed at boarding houses locally whilst awaiting the arrival of the ship.

A distressing tragedy is reported to have taken place at Port Swettenham, when the junior steward of the "Mentor" is said to have thrown himself into the sea. A sailor heard someone say "Good bye, all," and saw Mr. G. C. Hildred going overboard. He immediately informed the Chief Officer. The "Malaya Tribune," as the result of inquiries made when the "Mentor" reached Singapore, learned that an F.M.S.R. launch was immediately secured but the search for the steward was fruitless. He may have been carried out to sea, but it is more probable that he fell a victim to the sharks or crocodiles that infest the water at that spot. The missing man was a popular member of the crew and the reason for his act is a mystery.

The Rev. C. G. Sparham, secretary of the China Advisory Council of the London Missionary Society, has returned to Shanghai, accompanied by Mrs. Sparham, after an absence of 10 months in London.

Mr. K. D. Stewart attended the investiture at Buckingham Palace on June 21 and received from the King the honour of Knighthood of the Order of the British Empire conferred upon him for services in connection with the China Tariff Commission.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp, was in attendance upon the King at the investiture at Buckingham Palace on June 21, and was invested with the insignia of Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath. Sir Frank Swettenham, King of Arms of the Order of St Michael and St. George was present.

The annual gathering of the Victoria, Hong Kong and South China Diocesan Association took place on June 23. At 12.30 Rev. G. R. Lindsay (formerly of St. Andrew's, Kowloon) gave an address at St. Martin's in the Fields. This was followed by lunch, then in the afternoon the Reunion was held in Victory House, Leicester Square. The chair was taken by the Bishop of London, who was in Hong Kong last Christmas, and the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppy, Bishop of Victoria, was the speaker.

Surgeon Rear-Admiral George Albert Dreaper died at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar. Born on July 7, 1863, the son of Mr. R. H. Dreaper, of Finsboro House, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, he was educated in Dublin, and became a surgeon in the Royal Navy in 1884. He was staff surgeon of the Magdalen during the South African War, and also in the Jubaland expedition 1900-1901, when he was landed in charge of the military hospital. He also served in the Naval Hospital, Hong Kong.

There has been some concern about the health of Viscount Grey, of Fallodon, but he is expected to resume his attendance at Westminster shortly. As statesmen go Lord Grey is not yet old, being only in his 64th year. He has, however, had a lot of trouble with his eyes, while his general health has not been too satisfactory, and he was compelled to give up, temporarily, some of his political work. Nobody will be more pleased than the Liberals to know that his early return to full activity is likely, because as Chairman of the Liberal Council he plays a big part in the internal affairs of the party.

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## CRICKET HUMOUR.

## MY LORD AND THE BUTLER.

## LOT IN COUNTRY GAMES.

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Who has not heard the story of the umpire in a country house match, when a butler was umpiring, and a confident appeal was made for stumping against his lordly employer? "Not out, but have your bat in the crease next time, my lord."

When Robert Carpenter, Thomas Hayward, and George Tarrant were contemporaries, and played for Cambridgeshire, that county could hold its own with any county in England. In a game between Cambs and Surrey, Hayward showed great form, and from the last ball of the day he was convinced that he was lbw, but no appeal was made.

During the evening, when the players were fraternising together, as was the custom in those days, Hayward was jubilant about his escape. "What escape?" asked an ardent Surrey player. "I was certainly out from the last ball sent down, as it hit my pads and I was dead in front of my wicket," said Hayward.

The sequel was unhappy for Hayward. The umpire was appealed to, and he confirmed that Hayward was out.

## Played in Dorset.

The next morning, before a ball was bowled, there was a loud appeal from the bowler who had delivered the last over the previous day for lbw against Hayward. The umpire replied, "Out," and Hayward had to go, because the laws of the game at that time stated that an appeal could be made before the next ball was bowled.

There was a match many years ago between the Gentlemen of Dorset and the Gentlemen of Devon. It was played on the summit of a ridge in Dorset, and the batsman at one end was J. N. Scobell.

The ground sloped away rapidly on each side of the pitch, and Scobell made a tremendous leg hit which sent the ball rolling down to the valley.

The voracious chronicler of the happening avers that ten fieldsmen went in pursuit, only the wicket-keeper remaining in his usual place, and when the ball was eventually returned the keeper made a dash, seized the ball, and as the batsmen were out of their ground, he threw it with all his force at the nearest wicket.

## Weary Fielders.

Horror of horrors! The ball missed the wicket and went down the opposite slope. The weary fielders toiled back from their first excursion only to start on a second and are assured that before the ball was safely retrieved and in the wicket-keeper's hands, Scobell had added 37 runs to his total.

In September, 1875, Miles Brown, a publican, of Bishop Auckland, bet William Peirs, an auctioneer, that he could not bowl him out in twelve hours. Brown to find his own bat and Peirs his own ball. The stakes were £20 to £10 on the bat.

Brown went to the wickets with a bat that completely covered the stumps, and gleefully dared his opponent to do his best, or worst. Peirs was equal to the occasion. He used a ball similar to a bowler's wood weighing 27oz., and in a few minutes he had so splintered the bat that he found a way to the wicket, and won his £20.

A hundred years ago this month there was an interesting game on Harefield Common, near Rickmansworth. A farmer named Trumper, with the help of his sheep dog, played a single wicket match against two gentlemen of Middlesex.

The conditions were that the farmer should have an innings for himself and one for his four-footed ally, the latter also to field. The betting at the start was 5 to 1 against the farmer.

The match duly ran its course, the allotted number of innings being played, but so quiet was the dog in retrieving the ball that it was with the utmost difficulty its master's opponents could make runs even from big hits, and the match ended in a win for the farmer by an innings.

## Grace Episode.

The great W. G. Grace on one occasion went to a village to take part in a match, and his fame had brought together an immense concourse of people from a wide district. He batted first, and he had not scored when a ball got nearly straight up, and went off the shoulder of his bat into the hands of a first slip.

"How's that?" was the gleeful shout of the bowler and the whole of the field, and the answer was rapped out promptly, "Not out."

Grace went on to score a hundred, and when the umpire was asked why he made such a blunder he replied that it was no blunder. "Folks have come many miles to see him bat," he said, "and they wouldn't have seen what they came for if I had given him out."

My concluding anecdote relates to a match played in a Northamptonshire village. A batsman was unfortunate enough to be struck in the middle of the back by a ball that got up sharply from the pitch

## JESS SWEETSER.

## LEAVING TOURNAMENT GOLF.

## STRAIN TOO GREAT.

As the summer advances and golf tournaments come and go, the belief becomes prevalent that Jess Sweetser, only American player to hold both the British and American amateur championships, has abandoned tournament golf for all time.

Sweetser, one of the most popular golfers who ever swung a club, became ill after, or rather during, the British amateur classic last year and retired from the links upon his return to the United States. He wintered in the South, hoping to recover his health.

But the strain of championship golf is so great that it presents an unattractive face to anyone not in the best of condition and Sweetser is thought by his friends to feel that the winning of trophies does not compensate for the nervous, mental and physical ordeal coincident with competitive play.

## The "Ted Rays."

Sweetser has a precedent if he cares to follow it. In 1926 Joyce Wethered, former British champion, announced she would enter no more tournaments and has kept her word. Sweetser has made no such announcement. On the other hand he has informed J. Sufferin Tailor at Newport that he will be on hand for the gold maschie invitation tournament on August 5.

He also has signified his intention of competing in the national amateur at Minneapolis, starting August 22. But whether he will be at the first tee when the championship opens is disputable.

At the open championship recently, Mary K. Browne, covering the event for the "United Press," commented as follows on tournament strain:

"As I watched the practice rounds of the stars of golf... and saw the expression of their anxious faces, I knew what they were suffering."

"One who hasn't been in these battles might say, 'But why so worried? It's only a game.' They do not understand. The lives of every one of these golfers, be he amateur or professional, revolves around the game. Golf... is all that matters in life."

Bobby Jones in his "memoirs" spoke of losing weight in tournament golf and one usually thinks of the Atlantic as phlegmatic. The truth is that few golfers can stand a continuous round of competition. The Ted Rays of golf-dom are a rarity.

## TENNIS IN U.S.

## TILDEN AGAIN WINS CLAY COURT TEST.

## Detroit, Monday.

Tilden won his sixth consecutive National Clay Court Championship, defeating by three sets to all the Indianapolis Hennessey, who had previously defeated Ohla, the Japanese champion.

In the final of the doubles Hennessey and Williams beat Tilden and Wiener 3-1.—Reuter.

## NEW RACING RULE.

## ALL HORSES TO RUN ON THEIR MERITS.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club have decided to abolish the racing rule by which an owner running two or more horses in one race may make a declaration to win with one horse.

The rule which has been abolished provided that when an owner with a double entry made a declaration to win with one, the jockey riding the other was entitled to pull up in favour of the declared horse unless the latter fell away beaten.

A new rule has been substituted which states, "Every horse in a race shall be on its merits whether his owner runs another in the race or not."

More than one owner in recent years has had the annoying experience of declaring to win with one horse—a perfectly gratuitous act for the guidance of the public—and seeing the stable companion come in first.

In the Derby Cup last November Mr. Reid Walker declared to win with Innuendo, which had shown in a trial marked superiority over its stable companion Invershin.

and would have missed the wicket by a yard.

An over-keen wicketkeeper appeared, and the village umpire, who was a twelfth man for the home team, promptly gave the batsman out. The protestations of the batsman were of no avail. He had to go, and he retired in angry mood.

When he went to the wickets for a second time later in the day he had ample revenge. Amid roars of laughter he strode defiantly to the wickets with a leg-guard strapped to his back, and this so put the umpire out of countenance, that he left the field.—G. W. S. in "Sporting Life."

## READY-MONEY BETS.

## SHOULD THEY BE LEGALISED?

## M.P.'S' PRESSURE AT HOME.

A strong body of M.P.s is to urge the Government to consider the question of legalising ready-money betting and thereby end the anomalous condition of the existing law under which millions of pounds in revenue is lost to the State.

During the discussions in committee on the proposals of the Finance Bill in the House of Commons, the repeal of all betting taxation will be moved, but many M.P.s will contend that, instead of withdrawing the present tax, efforts should be made to collect revenue on the vast sums wagered in cash betting which now go untaxed.

Members who hold this view are determined to make full use of their opportunity. They will urge that steps should be taken to place ready-money betting—by far the greater part of present-day wagering—on an equality with credit betting.

## 80 Per Cent. Ready Money.

Sir Walter Gilbey, an authority with half a century's experience of racing, estimates that at least 80 per cent. of present-day betting is done in the street. Large book-makers are meeting with a constant desire, even among wealthy backers, to limit their bets to their financial circumstances by making ready-money wagers.

Many Conservative M.P.s. hold that Lord Newton's Bill to legalise cash betting would not only result in a very large increase in the revenue from betting but would also enable the police to regulate it. These members will ask the Government to give facilities for bringing Lord Newton's Bill before the House of Commons.

At present the Bill is shelved, but so strong is the support which it has received that it is probable that it will be brought forward again before the end of the year.

## A HUNT BALL.

## FUN IN THE PROVINCES.

The Harborough ball and the Melton Assembly rooms are beyond our ken, but unheard of in the shires though we be, no pack can boast keener followers than the sporting little Moordale Hunt, writes Capt. J. Lucas, M.C.

The catering is done by a retired butler, and very well he does it, too. Willing helpers are easily found, and the waiters are all local—the tyler from the lodge, a working tailor, and an old groom, ex-Service men, some of all sorts, some good—some not quite so good.

If one of them does sample the champagne a little freely, just to see it isn't corked—well, better men than he have yielded to temptation.

We cannot afford a London band, but the local substitute, the Blue Lagoon, does very well, and provided the musicians get a little extra pay and are reasonably treated in the way of refreshment they are quite willing to go home with the milk.

At a hunt ball in the shires at least half the people are strangers, and many have never seen a hound at all. But here nearly all follow the Moordale or some neighbouring pack, and eight out of ten are local.

While the older men are in pink, few of the young ones seem to be, for pink costs cost money; but pink coat or black, new frock or old, if Jack and his sister ride straight across country they will get all the partners they want.

And there is no lack of beauty about. A healthy country life gives a clearness to the eye and a bloom to the skin that the dance club devotees must seek in vain. The youngsters are as keen as well as they ride, and what greater praise could they desire? That bored expression, fashionable elsewhere, has not penetrated here, and they dance as if they love it. They do.

From start to finish everything goes with a swing. Supper cheers up even the quietest, so that when the band plays "John Peel" at the end, and the hunting horns ring out from the balcony, you whoop and holla with the rest, and go to bed quite convinced that no pack can compare with the Moordale Hunt.

## HIS CONSCIENCE.

Mr. Thomas Oghon, of Idaho, U.S.A., has just paid admittance for a game of cricket he saw 48 or 50 years ago at Bingley, Yorkshire, when he gained admittance by telling the gatekeeper he was the son of the club treasurer.

In a letter to the Bingley Cricket Club treasurer he says: "So far as I know that was the only outright, downright, deliberate lie I ever told. While the memory of the lie, in a way innocently told, has not troubled my conscience much, I have for many years had a desire to try to make it right, and I am enclosing postal order for 2s. 1d."

## EVERY USER IS A FRIEND.

The personal recommendations of people who have been cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, have done more than all else to increase the sale and use of this preparation, until there are now more bottles of it sold each year than of any other cough medicine. It is for sale everywhere.

## MUSIC-HALL DEAL.

## MR. A. E. ABRAHAMS AND MR. C. GULLIVER.

## A MILLION INVOLVED.

By completing his negotiations for buying 17 London music-halls at a price just under £1,000,000, Mr. A. E. Abrahams, who founded a bill-posting company with one man and a hand-cart, became the largest individual proprietor of places of amusement in the country. The vendors of the seventeen halls were the London Theatres of Varieties, which Mr. Charles Gulliver is managing director, and at a meeting of the shareholders at the Holborn Empire in the afternoon it was decided to accept the offer.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Abrahams told a reporter that Mr. Gulliver was associated with him in buying the theatres. He added, "It is my intention to let the theatres." The theatres included in the "deal" were:

Lewisham Hippodrome.  
Croydon Hippodrome.  
Croydon Empire.  
Ilford Hippodrome.  
Rotherhithe Hippodrome.  
Camberwell Palace.  
Camberwell Empire.  
Woolwich Hippodrome.  
Kilburn Empire.  
Grand Clapham.  
Willesden Hippodrome.  
Islington Empire.  
Hammersmith Palace.  
Collins's Music-hall.  
Putney Hippodrome.  
Poplar Hippodrome.  
Shoreditch Olympia.

The completion of the purchase is to be made on September 3.

## Two Romantic Careers.

Now the owner of 35 theatres, Mr. Abrahams began his business career by selling space to advertisers on theatre programmes and drop curtains. Afterwards he founded the Borough Billposting Company, which he sold for £250,000, investing the money in theatres. He bought the Aldwych Theatre, the New Oxford (which he resold to Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Ltd.), and the Scala, and secured long lease of the Garrick Theatre and the London Pavilion.

Mr. Gulliver's career is equally romantic. He started life as a boy in a solicitor's office, became successively secretary and treasurer of the Automobile Association, and was later the first secretary of the Variety Artists' Federation.

## SKYSCRAPER CHURCH.

## FLATS ON UPPER FLOORS.

New York. With the double object of bringing the home into the church and making the church self-supporting, the trustees of the Manhattan Congregational Church have decided to demolish it and erect in its stead a 23-storey skyscraper costing \$400,000.

The phenomenal increase in the value of New York realty in the past few years has brought immense wealth to many churches, and the trustees of three of these churches are now planning skyscraper homes. The demolition of the Manhattan Congregational Church, situated in Broadway and 70th Street, is to begin immediately.

Altogether these flats embrace 600 rooms and 400 bathrooms. The ground floor will serve as the church auditorium and the frontage on the street will be rented as shops. The building will contain a gymnasium, social and banqueting halls, and office quarters.

The trustees declare that they intend to let the flats above the church to people of moderate means who are in accord with the high principles for which the church stands. The shops will be let only to tenants who agree to keep them closed on Sundays.

## GIRL GUIDES AS "FIREMEN."

Lincolnshire Girl Guides in camp, in the grounds of Holton Hall, about a dozen miles from Grimsby, rendered valuable assistance at a fire there. The mansion stands in a park of 100 acres, and is occupied by the Rev. Thomas George Dixon, who is lord of the manor. The fire broke out in the heart of the country, for it has a supply of water from wells two or three miles away, and there are hydrants fixed on the lawn. The gardener from a long ladder played a hose on the flames.

The Girl Guides were mustered, and while some carried buckets of water from a pond to the hall, others helped the house servants to remove the furniture to the lawn. When the Grimsby Fire Brigade arrived the fire had been got under.

The most ominous sign of national decay is the decline of agriculture in England.—Commander Kenworthy, M.P.

So far as my courts are concerned the authorities do not appear to recognise the existence of the telephone.—Judge Crawford.

## DANCING "DEBS."

## ON FEET SIX HOURS A NIGHT.

## DIE-HARD GIRLS.

Those who know them are marvelling at the amazing energy of a set of young girls in London, debutantes of the last two years. Their ages range from 18 to 20. Mrs. Zita Jungman, a niece of Mrs. Benjamin Guinness and a popular member of the young set, described to a reporter what a packed life they live in London during the season. She said:

They dance from 11 p.m. to 4 or 5 in the morning almost every day, stopping only for supper. Some of them stay in bed until nearly midday, but many parents insist on their daughters getting up at 9 o'clock. This lack of sleep, however, does not seem to affect their vitality—the Die-Hards, as they are called, are rarely ill.

Nearly all of them keep diaries and, when they get up, their first task is to record the conversations of the previous night. After luncheon, they meet at the cinemas, or go to the poor quarters of London with food. Ten is a very minor affair now, there is no dancing. So much dancing is done at night that we do not hold it at any other time of the day.

After tea comes the telephone period, when they ring each other up and make arrangements for dancing parties. They call for each other in motor-cars and go to dinner, and perhaps a theatre or a drive before going on to the dance. Despite this seemingly hectic life, the young girls in society to-day is much healthier than girls have ever been, and week-ends she spends in the country, resting.

But they become a little tired when the end of the season arrives in the middle of July, and many of them are glad to get away to Scotland or their country homes.

## MISS GLADYS COOPER.

## LIBEL SUIT ABOUT A RUMOUR.

## NOT ENGAGED.

A libel action brought by Mrs. Gladys Constance Buckmaster (professionally known as Miss Gladys Cooper) against the London Express Newspaper, Ltd., and Mr. James Douglas, Editor of the "Sunday Express," was settled in the King's Bench Division.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., for Miss Cooper, explained that the libel was contained in the issue of the "Sunday Express" of November 7, 1926. Miss Cooper had brought her action because she felt it was a growing habit among some people who wrote on theatrical matters to put in a newspaper paragraphs about members of the theatrical profession which would not be thought proper to put in about other people.

At the time of the publication Miss Cooper had been staying with a house party, including Sir Gerald and Lady du Maurier, at the house of a man who was known all over the country.

For some reason a very widespread rumour got abroad that the host and Miss Cooper were engaged to be married. There was not a word of truth in that statement, which was extremely annoying to both parties. If any woman or man among the guests had tried to make public capital out of a rumour of that sort it would obviously be the grossest bad taste.

Rumour and a Title.

It is just 20 years ago that Gladys Cooper was a chorus girl at the Gaiety Theatre. Now idle rumour has been coupling her name with one of the best-known titles in the land and stating that she has been invited to wear it. When asked about the rumour by a man I know, Miss Cooper was very humorous.

"The next time you want to marry me to somebody," she said, "I wish you would choose someone respectable."

There was not a shadow of foundation for that at all, said Sir Patrick. The position now was that Miss Cooper did not desire to make any money out of it and a satisfactory arrangement had been made as to the costs of the action. It was not fair that observations in execrable taste should be made just because a woman happened to be a member of the theatrical profession, and it was to be hoped that in future Miss Cooper would not have that sort of paragraph written about her.

Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, K.C., for the defendants, said the last thing his clients would have contemplated was to say anything in the least derogatory of a lady who held such a position as Miss Cooper did in the theatrical profession. They regretted very much that they had said anything capable of misinterpretation or misunderstanding.

I believe that certain of Shakespeare's plays, done with imagination, and cast with young players, are better money-earners than American musical comedies.—C. B. Cochran.

## SHEIK'S HAREM.

## HOW LONDON GIRLS ESCAPED.

## AMBUSHED BY ARABS.

Two eighteen-year-old London girls have arrived back in England after a series of adventures which make the most thrilling desert novel seem tame in comparison. They are Miss Irene Queenie Speller, of Portland Road, Holland Park, W., and Miss Winnie Comber, of Adelaide Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.

They had been in Damascus, Palestine, with a circus troupe of trick-cyclists, and their amazing adventures have their setting in the desert around the town of Damascus and on the road from that town to the sea at Beyrout. In a special interview the girls related some of the events which led to their ultimate escape from Syria, where a persistent Arab Prince lover wanted them to join his harem.

"We first met the Prince," said Miss Speller, "at a theatre show. He came in dressed in gorgeous robes of cloth of gold. He had jewellery all over him, and in his girdle there was a magnificent pistol and a dagger which glistened with wonderful precious stones. 'We were told that he was the 21-year-old son of the great and powerful Emir—Shaanah, the famous Bendouin leader who assisted Colonel Lawrence in his campaign against the Turks, and that he had under him an army of 10,000 Arabs. He also had fifty wives.'

Encamped At An Oasis. "When eventually he asked to be introduced to myself and Miss Comber, I was not surprised, but if I had known that introduction was to have led to our exciting adventures and our ultimate flight from Syria, I would have shunned him like the plague."

"After that meeting he invited Miss Comber and myself to his encampment some ten miles distant at an oasis. I rode out with him in a cavalcade consisting of more than 100 Arab horsemen, with the Prince at their head. 'But in the Prince's camp itself I found something much more gorgeous than anything I had ever imagined. The tents of the Arab soldiers were grouped around that of their chief.'

"For over an hour I sat there while the Prince made love to me in Oriental manner. He called me his 'Desert Rose' and his 'Queen of Damascus.' 'He pictured to me,' went on Miss Speller, 'the luxurious life I should lead as queen of his harem, but I thought little of his remarks until afterwards.'

"Later the troupe with which I was left Damascus, and I thought I had seen the last of my Bedouin Sheikh. But, no—he followed me on and when, day after day, he shadowed me, I thought it was time to go to the British Consul. 'The Consul, after hearing my story and learned that the Prince had vowed that he would take me back to the desert, decided that it would be better if I left the country.'

"My first attempt to leave with my friend, Miss Comber, was frustrated. 'At night time we started off again with an escort of French officers and men. On the way we were called upon to halt by the Prince's soldiers, but we dashed on, and although a volley of shots was fired at us, we escaped.'

"On board the steamer, at Port Said, we felt we were safe, but there the most amazing thing of all occurred. We had just got clear of the quay when the captain of the ship told us that the Prince had pursued us in an aeroplane, and that he had landed at Port Said only a few minutes too late to intercept us."

The two girls are now back with their parents in London.

We only want now the development of television and the cane to make it possible for wireless to supersede the school.—Captain Ian Fraser, M.P.

Considering housing conditions, it is nothing less than a miracle that we have not had more militant Bolshevism in this country.—Rev. Dr. Herbert Gray.

## LONDON EXCHANGES.

## Rugby, July 25.

Paris	124.05
New York	4.85 1/2
Brussels	34.93 1/2
Geneva	25.20
Amsterdam	12.11
Milan	89.3 1/2
Berlin	20.40 1/2
Stockholm	18.17 1/2
Oslo	18.80
Vienna	34.50
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	192.70
Madrid	28.48
Lisbon	2 7/16
Athens	3 1/2
Bucharest	805
Rio	5 27/32
Buenos Aires	1 1/2 57/64
Bombay	2 1/4
Shanghai	1 1/17 1/2
Hong Kong	1 1/11 7/32
Yokohama	1 1/11 7/32
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Bank 4 months' sight ..... 2 1/4  
Credits 4 months' sight ..... 2 1/4  
Documentary 4 months' sight ..... 2 1/4

## On Paris—

On demand ..... 1235  
Credits 4 months' sight ..... 1310

## On Berlin—

On demand ..... 46 1/2  
Credits 60 days' sight ..... 50

## On Bombay—

Wire ..... 133 1/4  
On demand ..... 133 1/4

## On Calcutta—

On demand ..... 133 1/4  
Wire ..... 133 1/4

## On Singapore—

On demand ..... 86 1/4  
On Manila ..... 87 1/2

## On Shanghai—

On demand ..... nom  
30 days' sight (private paper) ..... nom

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Silver (per oz.) ..... 26 3/16  
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## THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

**Antigua Farthing.**  
An Antigua farthing of 1836, in the collection of American coins formed by the late Mr. Richard F. Peltzer, now being dispersed at Glendinning's sold for £10.

**Mrs. James Peach,** the Mayoress of Northampton, was presented with a chain of office, being the first mayoress of the town to wear such a distinction.

"Sunny" ends its run at the Hippodrome, W.C., on July 15, and it will be followed on July 25 by "Shake Your Feet," a new revue with five grand pianos as orchestra.

**Cheaper Gas.**  
Following other companies, the South Suburban Gas Company will reduce the price of gas by a penny per therm (54. per 1,000 cubic feet) from the midsummer reading of the meters.

For a collection of old French snuff-boxes and objects of vertu belonging to the late Sir Edward Marshall-Hall, K.C., £3,267 1s. 6d. was paid at Messrs. Christie's.

A collection of boxes, trays, fans, and other articles in French and English pique on tortoise-shell, and ivory, of the 17th and 18th centuries, realised £1,658 at Messrs. Sotheby's.

To ensure that supplies shall be of Empire origin, Lambeth guardians have decided that in all future tenders for fruit a clause should be inserted giving particulars as to the country of its origin.

**"Real Sporting."**  
"You have been real sporting," said Judge Turner at Nottingham County Court, shaking hands with Samuel Amery, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, who was awarded £21 in an assault action, but as the defendant was an ex-Service man, offered to accept £10 in instalments.

Experiments in communication by wireless telephony between a fire engine and brigade headquarters conducted by Fireman J. W. Shaw, of Rochdale, are meeting with success.

An exhibition at the British Museum of the antiquities discovered by Dr. Woolley during excavations at Ur of the Chaldees is open to the public.

**State Apartments.**  
The State apartments at Windsor Castle will be open to the public on Saturday and every week-day except Friday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. until further notice.

More than £12,318 has been received as a result of the Boy Scouts' London Appeal for £150,000.

The Industrial Court have granted an increase of 1s. 6d. per week in wage to 4,150 work-people employed by the Metropolitan Water Board.

**Mr. Hippolyte Montplaisir,** a Canadian senator, who received his senatorship from Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John Macdonald, has died at Three Rivers, Quebec, at the age of 88.

**Adelphi Estate.**  
No bid was made when the Adelphi estate, Strand, W.C., was offered for sale by auction at the London Auction Mart, E.C., but it is understood several private offers have been made.

A schoolboy named Harold Robert Smith, of the Bungalow, White House Avenue, Borcham Woods, Hertfordshire, fell under one of the wheels of his brother's lorry and was killed.

**Mr. Samuel St. Barbe Emmott,** formerly manager of the Portsmouth branch of Lloyds Bank, who three years ago fractured his thigh through a fall, when the limb was amputated, has died.

Depositors in Driffield (Yorkshire) Trustee Savings Bank have due to them £253,326, according to a statement at the quarterly meeting, or nearly £50 per head of the population of 5,674.

A petition organised by the Automobile Association to protest against the diversion of the Road Fund and to urge the maintenance of an efficient Roads Department will be presented in the House of Commons.

**FEW CHILDREN ESCAPE IT.**  
Stomach aches, so inseparable from the years of childhood, can become serious bowel disorder if not promptly quieted. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy is safe and dependable for both children and grown people. It immediately relieves severe intestinal pain and stops weakening diarrhoea. For sale everywhere.

**Gas Buoy.**  
Lost for two years, a gas buoy has drifted from the Canadian coast to the Clyde, a distance of over 2,000 miles.

Spectators at a Glasgow fire, in which 26 horses perished, saw the maddened animals with manes and tails burning when trapped on the first floor by the collapse of the roof.

Fourteen gold coins in a flint receptacle found at Westerham, Kent, are believed to be pre-Roman, probably minted in Gaul and brought to Britain for trading purposes.

"I liked the girl and her baby, and I pitied her for the way she had been left," said Sidney Reynolds, 25, who was charged with aiding and abetting Elizabeth Tamplin, 23, both of Lambeth, to commit bigamy. Both were sent for trial.

**Wage Increase.**  
Fifteen unions comprising the London Ship-repairing Joint Trades Committee have applied for a wage increase of 10s. per week for all workers engaged in Thames ship-repairing yards.

The £500,000 fund which is being raised in connection with the Centenary of University College, London, now totals £177,440, which includes about 43,000 contributed by past and present students.

At a Conservative women's garden party in the grounds of Fairfax House, Beaconsfield Road, Blackheath, two of the guests fell in the lake and were saved by the gardener, a man named Powell.

The coal output from the mines of Great Britain for the week ended June 11 (Whitweek) was 3,177,800 tons compared with 5,102,900 tons in the previous week, the number of wage earners being 1,018,200 against 1,022,500 in the previous week.

**Mr. Arthur Macey,** a London shipping clerk, plunged in to the rescue of a woman visitor, Miss A. Lineham, 23, who got into difficulties while bathing at Margate, and kept her afloat until both were pulled out with ropes.

### VERSES TO DIVORCED WIFE.

**Mr. Eric Seabrook Pinker,** literary agent of Messrs. J. B. Pinker and Son, Strand, London, and Mrs. Mabel Morrison Bennett, the former wife of Mr. Richard Bennett, and actor, were married recently. Mr. and Mrs. Basil Rathbone were present.

Since her divorce from Mr. Bennett in 1925, Mrs. Pinker, who was known on the stage as "Adrienne Morrison," has been manager of Messrs. Pinker's New York office. The Bennetts had been married 20 years when she obtained an uncontested divorce, her husband insisting that he still loved her. Since then he has spent much of his time in writing verses dedicated to her.

### ANOTHER MISSED CATCH.

A terrier which jumped into the river at Enfield after a rat is reported to have been seized by two pike, one of which was almost dragged ashore before it would release its grip. It must have been a trying experience for the dog—but the terrier has now recovered and is going round saying to all its canine friends, "I tell you, my dear fellow, the one that got away was the size of an Alsatian! Bless my whiskers, you never saw such a fish—believe me, if the thing was an inch it was three times the length from the tip of my tail to the end of my nose!"

### DEEP-SEA SOUNDINGS.

There is a touch of irony in the fact that the new German cruiser "Emden" has been sounding the sea-bed upon which so many of the victims of her namesake rest, says "Truth."

After leaving the Dutch East Indies she got the deepest water ever yet plumbed, touching bottom at 33,735 feet. It has long been known that the deepest water in the world is in this region, where the thinness of the earth's crust combined with terrific weight of water results in so many earthquakes.

### LORD JUSTICE BANKES.

It seems generally accepted in legal circles that Lord Justice Bankes will be seen no more at the Law Courts after this term, and that, following the custom of late years, the announcement of his resignation together with the names chosen to fill the consequent vacancies on the bench, will be made in October, on the eve of the Michaelmas sittings. Vacancies will result because it is probable that the new Lord Justice of Appeal, who in any case must come from the common law side, will be taken from among the judges of the King's Bench Division. It is eight years since a King's Bench judge has been promoted—rather a long period. Such an appointment will leave a vacancy in the lower division which will have to be filled.

The post of Senior Lord Justice and president of the Second Court of Appeal will, on Sir John Bankes's retirement, fall to Lord Justice Scrutton, who is one year his junior as a Lord Justice and two and a quarter his junior in years. Sir John Bankes was 73 last April and his judicial service (King's Bench and Court of Appeal) will have lasted 17 years.

### WHEN YOUR LITTLE ONE CANNOT EAT.

The normal, growing child is always ready to eat, and any disinclination for food must be set down to ill-health. Ninety-nine times out of one hundred that ill-health is merely a temporary indisposition, some slight derangement of digestion, or of the intestines, or of both. In such cases Baby's Own Tablets comprise the logical medicine to be administered. They will quickly restore the little one's appetite by gently cleansing the system, putting everything right, and transforming the moping youngster to a happy child who is always on the lookout for meal time.

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### FATHER AND SON'S MARRIAGE.

A father who objected to his son, aged 20, marrying, was summoned by the son at the Marylebone Police-court, under the Guardianship of Infants Act. The father was Harry Rands, of Southampton Road, Hampstead and his son, Harry, said he was living at Vortley Road, Highgate, and was earning £3 2s. 6d. a week. He was engaged to be married, but his father objected on the ground that he did not want to be responsible for him. He had prepared a home for the girl, and when they were married, she was going to help him to maintain the home by going out to work as a cook. The father said he understood that if he gave his consent to the marriage he was responsible, not only for his son, but for his daughter-in-law.

The magistrate said that if a young man of 20 married his parents had no responsibility towards him. "Your son," he said, "seems an intelligent young fellow, and he is anxious to marry." The Father: Yes, but I can foresee trouble. They are both of a very domineering nature. The magistrate remarked that the father might be a very good prophet, but he saw no reason for his objection to the marriage, and he should give his consent.

### SHIPOWNER'S GENEROSITY.

At a meeting of the University Court at Edinburgh the Principal, Sir Alfred Ewing, read a letter from Mr. Thomas Cowan, shipowner, of Leith, making a gift of £40,000 as an endowment fund to assist the scheme for the establishment of a residential house for male students attending Edinburgh University, with which his name is being associated. Mr. Cowan trusted that this free income would relieve the University of any financial strain. He desired that the authorities of the University should have full power to utilise the capital sum of £40,000 for any schemes they think desirable to benefit students, male or female, attending Edinburgh University after 1927, when the stock of the investment falls to be redeemed. Mr. Cowan's previous gifts to the University, amounting to £30,200, are being applied to provide a hall of residence for students, which is to be called Cowan House.

Once a migration movement of ex-Service men to the Dominions is fairly started it would have a snowball effect.—Earl Haig.

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The parcel post service to Russia in Asia via Japan is temporarily suspended.  
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## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
Japan	WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
Straits	FRIDAY, JULY 29
Japan & Shanghai	FRIDAY, JULY 29
Europe via Negapatun, letters only London	FRIDAY, JULY 29
30th June	MONDAY, AUGUST 1
Manila	FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
Shanghai	FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	MONDAY, AUGUST 8
Manila	MONDAY, AUGUST 22

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
Manila	TUESDAY, JULY 26
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 15th August, and Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Pres. Madison 2.30 p.m.
Samsui & Wuchow	President Cleveland 4 p.m.
Port Bayard	Tai Ming Sun Kong 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th Aug. K.P.O.—Registration 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O.—Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Wednesday, July 27
Saigon	Patroclos 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Tijpanas 1.30 p.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Maung 1.30 p.m.
Straits	Cremar 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Ling Nam 1.30 p.m.
Saigon	Clupram 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan	Telemachus 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Kamo Maru 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hai Hong Noon
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia.	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, JULY 29	Glenmoy 4.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	FRIDAY, JULY 29
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Halyang Noon.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 13th August. Parcels Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Lai Sang.
Saigon	Thursday, July 28
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th August. G.P.O.—Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. Kowloon P.O.—Registration 8 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	Friday, July 30

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## COLONY'S TRADE.

A "Settled China" Essential.

## REPLY TO CHINESE CHAMBER.

Willing To Discuss General Situation.

The following reply has been forwarded to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce by the Hong Kong General Chamber in regard to the former's suggestion of a joint conference on trade conditions here:—  
"I am directed to thank you for your letter of July 22 suggesting a conference with the Chinese Chamber on the continued unsatisfactory trade conditions in the Colony.  
"The Committee of the General Chamber equally deplores the present state of affairs but fears that no substantial improvement in Hong Kong trade is likely until there is a 'settled China.' When peace and good government prevail, especially in the Liang Kuang, the prosperity of Hong Kong will undoubtedly be secured and greatly increased.  
"If this view is correct there would seem to be little use in meeting to discuss remedies which are beyond the power of the two Chambers to bring about. Nevertheless, if the Chinese Chamber will be so good as to indicate the lines along which they think something might be done to effect an improvement, this Chamber would be happy to take part in a discussion if there appears prospect of benefit being derived from it."

## FABULOUS TALES.

## DISTORTING REAL FIGURE OF FRANCE.

Paris, Monday.  
A function marking the reconstruction of the town of Orchies in the North of France, destroyed by the Germans in 1914, gave M. Poincare, who presided, an opportunity to refer to Franco-German relations. He declared that however abominable the conduct of incendiaries may have been, nobody would infer the guilt of the whole people therefrom.  
"There is not a soul among us so senseless as to want to perpetuate hatred between neighbouring races, whose agreement is essential for the peace of humanity. We only ask that fabulous tales distorting the real figure of France should not be composed for the deception of future generations."—Reuter.

## Desire for Peace.

Paris, Monday.  
In his speech at the ceremony of restoration M. Poincare remarked that France had not ceased to give proof of a spirit of conciliation and would continue her pacific efforts loyally, constantly and with good grace. "She knows it to conform with her duty to the world and to her own interests. It would be on her part an act of folly to let adventures interrupt the work where she is entirely consecrated.  
"Peace is not only dear to her but necessary, both external and internal peace, to bring about which she had subordinated all secondary questions to the question which for the moment dominates all others that is to say the economic and financial restoration of the country.  
"Whatever results may have been accomplished the task is far from being finished. Since to us was confided the burden of commencing it we claim the right and opportunity to complete it."

—Havas.  
Orchies is a small town in the Department of Nord, about five miles from the Belgian frontier. It stands on the railway about half way between Valenciennes and Arras. It was one of the first towns on French soil to feel the brunt of the German onslaught and was occupied and destroyed by them on September 25, 1914.]

Announcements regarding the winding up of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd. appear in the advertisement columns today.

## STRIKE OPTIMISM.

Early Settlement Probable.

## SHIPS MAY RUN SOON.

Strikers Not Afraid Of Blacklegs.

Although there is no settlement as yet in the dispute between the China Navigation Company and the officers, the general atmosphere is still one of optimism and it is thought possible that a few days may see a settlement reached on general lines which will permit of the running of the boats whilst outstanding points are being settled.  
Position in Shanghai.  
Shanghai, July 20.

The Company has so far been unable to get any of the ships away from Hong Kong but a skeleton service out of Shanghai was inaugurated with three ships some days after the strike started. These ships were manned with officers who refused to join the strike and having completed their voyages returned to Shanghai and were soon busily loading cargo for another trip.

The s.s. "Tatung" was yesterday despatched to Hankow and river ports and the s.s. "Poyang" will leave on a similar voyage on Friday. Friday the s.s. "Tungchow" will sail for Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin. The s.s. "Shuntien" which has been tied up at Tientsin since the commencement of the strike is expected this morning and is being brought to Shanghai with a deck and engine room crew of officers who remained loyal to the Company in Tientsin. The s.s. "Fengtien" has been taken from the wharves at Tientsin to the Company's own wharf at Tongku where she will remain until a crew can be found for her.

## Ships in Outports.

The Company is planning to gradually bring in all ships from the outports to Shanghai and those for which crews cannot be found will be tied up until new men can be brought into the service to take the place of those on strike. This may mean a long process and will undoubtedly result in a considerable loss to the Company but their minds have been made up that they will not submit to the men's demands for arbitration.

The attitude of the men, according to the feelings expressed at a combined meeting of the two Guilds on Monday afternoon, is as fixed as ever and they are not the least disturbed by the announced policy of the Company to run the ships with outside assistance. One of the Guild officials stated yesterday afternoon that there were very few efficient officers to be found in the East-to-day who were not holding good positions already; and the few who were without employment were very small and would not make much difference to the strike, either way.

A wireless message received by the Guilds yesterday afternoon stated that the officers who had joined the strike from the vessels "Fengtien" and "Shuntien" and who had wired the Guilds that they feared criminal proceedings, were returning to Shanghai by the Japanese steamer "Dairen Maru" and would arrive last evening.

## BOY KNOCKED DOWN.

The driver of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. vehicle No. 101 reports that whilst in Che Wo Street he accidentally knocked down a boy aged 14, who sustained injuries to his legs. He was taken to hospital.

## K.M.A. OUTPUT.

The local agents of the Kailan Mining Administration report that the total output of the Administration's mines for the week ended July 9, amounted to 96,525 tons, and the sales during the period to 93,523 tons.

## KOWLOON BUSES.

Concessions For The Military.

## RESULT OF K.R.A. APPLICATION.

Half Fares Granted By Two Companies.

The Kowloon Residents' Association, having been approached to make application on behalf of service men to travel half fare in first class seats, wrote to the several Bus Companies. The undernoted replies have been received:—  
China Motor Bus Co.,  
Hong Kong, July 25, 1927.

Dear Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 21st inst. we beg to inform you that this Company has much pleasure in complying with your request by granting half first class fares to soldiers and sailors travelling in our buses.  
Hoping you will kindly notify them to this effect accordingly.—Yours etc.,  
China Motor Bus Co.,  
(Sgd.) NGAN SHING KWAN,  
Mng. Partner.

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Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., we beg to inform you that your request, to grant half first class fares to soldiers and sailors using our buses, will be complied with, and all our conductors have been instructed to that effect accordingly.

We wish further to point out to you that half fare will be granted to those travelling on first class only; and does not extend to the second class riders, as at present some, though few, of the service men pay only 5 cents for a distance of two sections, e.g., from the Star Ferry to Kowloon City, which should in all cases be 10 cents. We shall, therefore, be pleased if you will kindly bring this point to the service men also as you are informing them of our granting half first class fares.  
Thanking you for your request and assuring you of our hearty co-operation at all times.—Yours, etc.,  
The Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd.,  
(Sgd.) L. G. CHONG,  
Manager.

## MAYOR'S MURDER.

## NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL CONDEMNED.

Benton, Illinois, Monday.  
Charles Berger, leader of a notorious Southern Illinois gang, has been condemned to death and his two companions sentenced to life sentences for the murder of Mayor Adams of West City in December. — Reuter's American Service.

## ENTERIC FEVER.

## TWO BRITISH AND A GERMAN CASE.

Seven deaths from notifiable diseases were reported during the week ended July 23—two from cholera, one from small pox, one from enteric fever, one from cerebro-spinal fever and two from purpural fever.  
Altogether 16 cases of various diseases were reported.

## POLICE RESERVE.

Some misunderstanding has excusably arisen as a result of the term "Special Police" being used in the course of our editorial note on the Hong Kong Police Reserve in last Friday's issue. The Police Reserve are a new force and are separate from the Special Police force, which is already in existence and will operate as before.

## CHINESE WOMAN DROWNED.

As a result of the overturning of a sampan in the Yaumati typhoon anchorage on the morning of July 25, a Chinese woman was thrown into the harbour and drowned.

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